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Speaking and describing “Weather and Temperature”

WEATHER

Describing the weather

good, great, nice, fine, lovely, beautiful, wonderful, excellent, gorgeous, fair, pleasant, balmy;

bad, awful, terrible, nasty, lousy, foul, rotten, miserable, unpleasant, dull, gloomy, ugly;

sunny, warm, hot, mild, cool, chilly, cold, freezing, icy, frosty; very cold; bitter cold;

rainy, wet, humid, dry, arid, frigid, foggy, windy, stormy, breezy, windless, calm, still;

a spell of good weather; a two-day spell of sunny weather; a spell of rainy weather;

Sky: cloudy, overcast, cloudless, clear, bright, blue, gray (BrE grey), dark; a patch of blue sky.

Examples

What's the weather like? How's the weather?

The weather is nice today. The weather is good today. The weather is awful today.

Nice weather, isn't it? Terrible weather, isn't it? It's a nice day, isn't it?

It's warm today. It's hot today. It's cold today. It is cold and windy. It's getting colder.

The wind is blowing. The wind was cold and strong. A strong wind was blowing.

It's humid. It's hot and humid. It's cloudy, but there's no rain. Maybe it will rain at night.

It looks like rain. It's going to rain. It's supposed to get warmer in the afternoon.

It's raining. It's raining hard. It's snowing. It's snowing hard. I wish it would stop raining.

Weather phenomena and related words

Sunshine

warm sun; hot sun; blazing sun; sunshine, sunlight, sunrays, sunbeams;
bright sunshine; bright sunlight; a patch of sunlight; daylight,
moonlight;

sunrise, sunset, day, night, dawn, morning, noon, afternoon, evening,
twilight, nightfall, midnight.

Wind

wind, breeze; a gust of wind; a blast of wind; strong wind; high wind;
light wind;

cool wind; warm wind; brisk wind; fresh wind; cold wind; piercing
wind;

easterly wind; northerly wind; southerly wind; westerly wind;

hurricane, windstorm, whirlwind, tornado, typhoon, gale, dust storm,
sandstorm, tropical storm.

Rain

heavy rain; pouring rain; steady rain; constant rain; cold rain; warm
rain; light rain; gentle rain;

rain, rainfall, rain shower, downpour, deluge, rainstorm, drizzle, hail,
sleet;

a drop of rain, a droplet, a raindrop; rainbow.

Fog

fog, haze, mist, smog; foggy, hazy, misty, smoggy; dew; dewy;

thick fog; dense fog; heavy fog; patchy fog; a blanket of fog;

pea soup (informal) – thick yellow fog.

Thunder and lightning

thunder; thunderstorm; thundercloud; distant thunder; faint thunder;
loud thunder;

a clap of thunder, a thunderclap; a bolt of thunder, a thunderbolt;

lightning; a flash of lightning; a bright flash of lightning; a bolt of
lightning.

Snow

heavy snow; deep snow; fresh snow; light snow; wet snow; falling snow; melting snow;

snow, snowfall, snowstorm, blizzard, frost; thaw; slippery roads; snowflake, snowdrift, snowbank; ice, icicle.

Seasons

winter, spring, summer, autumn; fall (AmE); early spring; late autumn; Indian summer;

springtime, summertime, wintertime; spring season; summer season; fall season; winter season;

dry season; wet season; rainy season; cold season; warm season;

cold winters; extremely cold winters; mild winters; cool summers; warm summers; hot summers.

Climate

Climate: cold, cool, warm, hot; mild, moderate, temperate, severe; wet, damp, humid, dry, arid;

a cold climate; a relatively mild climate; a dry climate; a warm climate; a hot climate;

a continental climate; a maritime climate; cold climates; hot climates; a wide variety of climates;

The climate of Siberia is continental, with cold winters and warm summers. The climate of this region is cold and wet.

Ireland has a cool maritime climate. Yalta has a warm subtropical climate. I would like to live in a warm climate.

France has three types of climate. Agriculture in mountainous regions is restricted by climate and relief.

Disasters

earthquake, volcanic eruption, hurricane, landslide, landslip, avalanche; flood, deluge, tidal wave, tsunami, drought, fire;

disaster, catastrophe, cataclysm.

Other words and phrases

Nature, environment, ecology; air pollution; water pollution; acid rain; the cutting down of forests; industrial waste; chemical waste; toxic waste; nuclear waste; the ozone hole; the greenhouse effect; global warming.

Weather reports

weather report; weather forecast; weather man; thermometer, barometer; climate; temperature; atmospheric pressure; wind, rain; cold, warm; humidity; cloudiness; precipitation; three inches of snow.

Sample weather reports

Mainly cloudy with a little drizzle. Slight chance of a rain shower. Northeastern wind at 5 to 10 mph. Temperature below normal in the north and central regions. Near normal for southern regions. Maximum temperature 50°F (10°C).

Cold and dry in the morning, warmer later. Windy and increasingly cloudy with sunny periods. Rain expected at night, with 40 percent chance of showers. Maximum 58°F in the afternoon. Strong wind expected Monday, with temperature in low 50s.

Windy and cloudy with occasional rain. Humidity 73%. Cold westerly wind at 25 mph (40 km/h) gusting to 40 mph (64 km/h) is expected tomorrow.

Sunny in the morning with cloudy intervals later in the day. Chance of rain 50%. Isolated thunderstorms possible. Highs in the mid 80s and lows in the upper 60s.

Heat wave expected. Temperature 97–98 degrees F (36–37 degrees C) to 101–103 degrees F (38–39 degrees C) for the next three days. High atmospheric pressure.