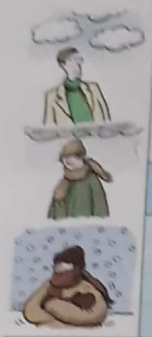
Weather

1 WHAT'S THE WEATHER LIKE?

a Put the words or phrases in the right place in the chart.

below zero /bɪ'ləʊ 'zɪərəʊ/ boiling /'bɔɪlɪŋ/ breeze /briːz/ chilly /'tʃɪli/ cool /kuːl/ damp /dæmp/ drizzling /'drɪzlɪŋ/ freezing /'friːzɪŋ/ humid /'hjuːmɪd/ mild /maɪld/ pouring /'pɔːrɪŋ/ (with rain) showers /'ʃaʊəz/ warm /wɔːm/



1 It's *cool*. (quite cold) 2 It's _____. (unpleasantly cold)	5 It's _____. (pleasant and not cold) 6 It's _____. (a pleasantly high temperature)	8 It's _____. (a bit wet but not raining) 9 It's _____. (raining lightly) 10 It's _____. (short period of rain)	13 There's a _____. (a light wind)
It's cold.	It's hot.	It's raining / wet.	It's windy.
3 It's _____. (very cold) 4 It's _____. (–10°)	7 It's _____ / It's scorching. (unpleasantly hot)	11 There are _____. (raining intermittently) 12 It's _____. (raining a lot)	

b Complete the sentences with *fog*, *mist*, and *smog*.

When the weather's foggy or misty, or there is smog, it is difficult to see.

1 _____ isn't usually very thick, and often occurs in the mountains or near the sea.

2 _____ is thicker, and can be found in towns and in the country.

3 _____ is caused by pollution and usually occurs in big cities.

c 2 31 Listen and check **a** and **b**.

2 EXTREME WEATHER

a Match the words and definitions.

blizzard /'blɪzəd/ drought /draʊt/ flood /flʌd/ hail /heɪl/ heatwave /'hiːtweɪv/ hurricane /'hʌrɪkən/ lightning /'laɪtnɪŋ/ monsoon /mɒn'suːn/ thunder /'θʌndə/

1 *heatwave* *n* a period of unusually hot weather

2 _____ *n* a long, usually hot, dry period when there is little or no rain

3 _____ *n* and *v* small balls of ice that fall like rain

4 _____ *n* a flash of very bright light in the sky caused by electricity

5 _____ *n* and *v* the loud noise that you hear during a storm

6 _____ *n* a snow storm with very strong winds

7 _____ *v* and *n* when everything becomes covered with water

8 _____ *n* a violent storm with very strong winds (also *cyclone*, *tornado*)

9 _____ *n* the season when it rains a lot in southern Asia

b 2 32 Listen and check.

3 ADJECTIVES TO DESCRIBE WEATHER

a Complete the weather forecast with these adjectives.

bright /braɪt/ changeable /'tʃeɪndʒəbl/ clear /klɪə/ heavy /'hevi/ icy /'aɪsi/ settled /'setld/ (= not likely to change) strong /strɒŋ/ sunny /'sʌni/ thick /θɪk/

In the north of England and Scotland it will be very cold, with 1*strong* winds and 2_____ rain. There will also be 3_____ fog in the hills and near the coast, though it should clear by midday. Driving will be dangerous as the roads will be 4_____. However, the south of England and the Midlands will have 5_____ skies and it will be 6_____ and sunny, though the temperature will still be quite low. Over the next few days the weather will be 7_____, with some showers, but occasional 8_____ periods. It should become more 9_____ over the weekend.

b 2 33 Listen and check.

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