



1. thunder ['θʌndə] and lightning ['laɪtnɪŋ]
2. ice [aɪs]
3. snow [snoʊ]
4. sleet [sli:t]
5. barometer [bə'rɒmɪtə]
6. hail [heɪl]
7. thermometer [θə'mɒmɪtə]
8. shower ['ʃaʊə]
9. sunshine ['sʌnʃaɪn]
10. cloud [klaʊd]
11. drizzle ['drɪzəl], light rain [ˌlaɪt 'reɪn]
12. storm [stɔ:m], gale [geɪl]
13. wind [wɪnd]
14. heavy rain [ˌhevi 'reɪn]
15. mist [mɪst]
16. fog [fɒg]

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VOCABULARY

The weather forecast

Whether people watch it on TV, listen to it on the radio or check it online: everyone is interested in the weather forecast. ANNA HOCHSIEDER presents language to help you understand it.

MEDIUM PLUS

And now, the weather...
 The **unsettled** weather is likely to continue. Today's **temperatures** will be **average** for the time of year, reaching around 23 **degrees Celsius**, with **broken clouds** and a few **sunny spells**. Occasional **light rainfall**, accompanied by a **gentle south-westerly breeze**, is possible during the afternoon in northern parts of the region.
 Tonight will be **dry** at first, but the early morning hours could see some **heavy showers**. **Minimum temperatures** will be no lower than 14 degrees.
 Friday will be **overcast** at first, becoming **brighter** in the afternoon. The **sunshine** will continue until Saturday afternoon, when the **wind** will **shift** to the east, followed by **bursts of rain** in the evening. The **low pressure system** from the Atlantic will bring more **precipitation** on Sunday, with **night temperatures** dropping to seven degrees.

Illustration: Martin Haake

PRACTICE

Now try the following exercises to practise the language of weather forecasts.

Exercise 1

Match the sentence halves to complete the definitions.

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| <p>A. A gentle breeze is...</p> <p>B. A sunny spell is...</p> <p>C. A heavy shower is...</p> <p>D. Unsettled weather is...</p> <p>E. Precipitation is...</p> | <p>1. a short period of strong rainfall.</p> <p>2. rain, snow or hail that falls on the ground.</p> <p>3. a pleasant, light wind.</p> <p>4. a short period of sunshine.</p> <p>5. weather that may change within a short time.</p> |
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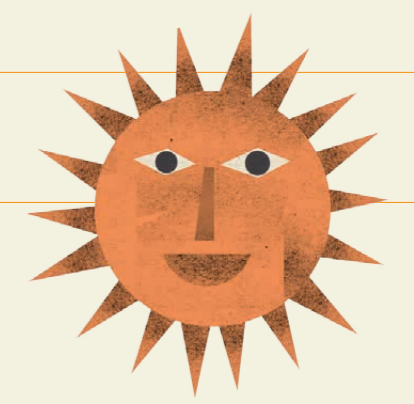
Exercise 3

Underline the correct options in bold to complete the sentences below.

- A. Tomorrow, we will have **bright** / **light** sunshine throughout the day.
- B. **Minimal** / **Minimum** temperatures should be around 20 degrees.
- C. A **western** / **westerly** breeze will bring a few showers.
- D. Daytime temperatures may **get** / **reach** 28 to 30 degrees.
- E. The sky will remain completely **covered** / **overcast** throughout the day.



throughout: - the day [θru'aʊt]
 • über den ganzen Tag



Exercise 2

What are the adjectives and verbs related to the nouns in brackets?

- A. It was so **(fog)** that I couldn't see the car in front of me.
- B. We had **(storm)** weather with strong winds and heavy rain.
- C. It's not really raining. It's just **(drizzle)**.
- D. I hate cycling in winter. The roads can get very **(ice)**.
- E. It was **(cloud)** in the morning, but then the sun broke through.

Small talk

The weather is probably one of the most popular topics for small talk, and people often begin a conversation by commenting on it. Note that "weather" is an uncountable noun, so **don't** say, for example: "What a lovely weather!" Instead, you could say "What a lovely day!" or "Lovely weather, isn't it?"



Answers

1. A-3 B-4 C-1 D-5 E-2
2. A. foggy B. stormy C. drizzling D. icy E. cloudy
3. A. bright B. Minimum C. westerly D. reach E. overcast