

WEATHER VOCABULARY

In English, to talk about the weather, use:

It is (or different tenses) + **adjective** = A description of the weather

It is sunny today.

OR

It is + **verb-ing** = This type of weather is happening now.

Take an umbrella, it's raining.

A BIT OF USEFUL VOCABULARY

People commonly ask about the weather by saying:

- *What's it like out(side)?*
- *How's the weather?*
- *What's the weather like?*
- *What's the temperature?*
- *What's the weather forecast?*

ABOUT THE SKY AND TEMPERATURE

Bright: (adjective) full of light; when the sun is shining strongly

Sunny: (adjective) the sun is shining and there are no clouds

Clear: (adjective) without clouds

Cloudy: (adjective) with many clouds in the sky

Overcast: (adjective) covered with clouds; dull

Gloomy: (adjective) with dark clouds and dull light

Fog (noun) / foggy (adjective): with thick clouds close to land

Mist (noun) / misty (adjective): light fog, often on the sea or caused by drizzle

Haze (noun) / hazy (adjective): light mist, usually caused by heat

Chilly (adjective): uncomfortably cold

Frosty (adjective): freezing, very cold

Boiling (adjective): very hot

Damp (adjective): hot and humid

Muggy (adjective): warm and damp in an unpleasant way

Scorching (adjective): extremely hot, burning

Stifling (adjective): hot and suffocating



Sunny



Partly Sunny



Partly Cloudy



Raining



Thunderstorms



Snowing



Windy



Rainbow



Tornados / Hurricanes



Sun & Rain



Cloudy



Clear



ABOUT PRECIPITATIONS AND WIND

Hail (verb): small balls of ice (hailstones) falling from the sky like rain.

Snowflake (noun): one of the small crystals in which snow falls

Sleet (noun/verb): snow or hail mixed with rain (often with some wind)

Blizzard (noun): severe snowstorm with strong winds

Damp (adjective): slightly wet (often after the rain has stopped)

Drizzle (verb/noun): to rain lightly with very fine drops

Downpour (noun): heavy rain, shower

It's raining cats and dogs (Idiom): to rain heavily

Torrential rain (noun): very heavy rain

Flood (verb/noun): to become covered in water usually due to excessive rain

Breeze (noun): a gentle wind (often nice or refreshing)

Gale (noun): a very strong wind

Gust (verb/noun): a sudden strong blast of wind

1  **Translate these words into English.**

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| 1. Raffica | | 8. Tormenta | |
| 2. Foschia | | 9. Acquazzone | |
| 3. Afoso | | 10. Burrasca | |
| 4. Torrido | | 11. Grandine | |
| 5. Nebbiolina | | 12. Fosco/Coperto | |
| 6. Cupo | | 13. Inondazione | |
| 7. Pioggerellina | | 14. Nuvoloso | |

2  **Fill in the text with a suitable word for each blank space. There are two extra words you do not need to use.**

blizzard • breeze • damp • drizzle • flood • frosty • gale • gusts • hail • hailstones • muggy • overcast • snowflakes • stifling

1. It is usually chilly and in autumn, sometimes with rain or
2. Fortunately, there is a right now, otherwise it would be very hot.
3. It is so that I've had to change my shirt twice this afternoon.
4. I think some flights will be delayed because of violent of wind forecast for tomorrow.
5. Take gloves and hat because it's today.
6. Those large left dents in my car.
7. There has been a warning so it's not safe to go out sailing.
8. We cannot see the solar eclipse because it's
9. Countries from around the world have been sending relief to the victims.
10. The at the end of spring destroyed my grandpa's vineyard.
11. The hot temperature is so that it is pulling all the energy out of my body.

3  **Match the right definition to these idioms.**

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| 1. As right as rain | <input type="checkbox"/> | a. To be unrealistic or living in a fantasy world. |
| 2. Break the ice | <input type="checkbox"/> | b. It's raining very hard. |
| 3. Calm before the storm | <input type="checkbox"/> | c. To say or do something to make someone feel relaxed or at ease in a social setting. |
| 4. Have your head in the clouds | <input type="checkbox"/> | d. When things don't just go wrong but very wrong and other bad things happen too. |
| 5. It never rains but it pours | <input type="checkbox"/> | e. When someone makes a small problem larger than it really is. |
| 6. It's raining cats and dogs | <input type="checkbox"/> | f. To feel fine and healthy. |
| 7. Storm in a teacup | <input type="checkbox"/> | g. The quiet, peaceful period before a moment of great activity or chaos. |