

Language file

The weather

5. READING/Writing Read the weather conditions and then translate the sentences below into English.

- What's the weather like?
- It's sunny/cloudy/windy/foggy/stormy.
- It's raining, hailing, snowing.
- The weather's fine/the sun's shining.
- What a nice/beautiful/lovely day!
- It's not a very nice day!
- What a terrible day!
- It's pouring with rain.
- It's raining cats and dogs!
- It's clearing up!
- There's not a cloud in the sky.
- The sky's overcast.
- The sun's come out.
- The sun's just gone in.
- There's a strong wind.
- The wind dropped.
- That sounds like thunder.
- That's lightning.
- We had a lot of heavy rain this morning.
- We haven't had any rain for a fortnight.
- What's the temperature?
- It's 23 °C ["twenty-three degrees Centigrade"]
- What temperature do you think it is? Probably 30 °C.
- It's baking hot/boiling/hot/cold/freezing/below freezing!
- What's the forecast?
- It looks like rain.
- It's forecast to rain.
- It's going to freeze tonight.
- It looks like it's going to rain.
- We're expecting a thunderstorm.
- It's supposed to clear up later.

1. Guarda! Sta grandinando!
2. Sta piovendo forte.
3. Dovrebbe rasserenarsi dopo.
4. Sembra che stia per piovere.
5. Stanotte gelerà.
6. Sembra un tuono!
7. Come sono le previsioni?
8. Fa un caldo da morire!
9. Il cielo è coperto.
10. Siamo sotto zero!

Did you know?

A study has found that for more than half of British people, conversation turns to climate at least once every six hours. A quarter of them deem the topic of such interest that it is used as an icebreaker. Foreign observers are often quick to think that Britain's unpredictable and often wet weather is the cause of their fixation.