

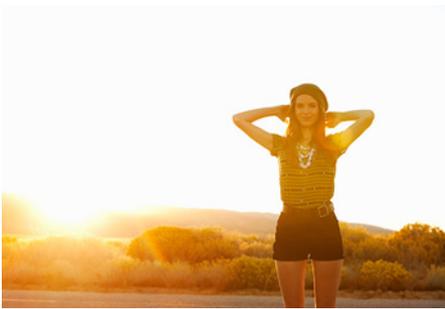
# Language for ...

## Weather

### 1 Warmer

Put these weather adjectives with the correct image.

balmy    bitter    blustery    boiling    breezy    chilly    crisp    cool  
 chilly    cool    freezing    icy    mild    scorching    sweltering  
 warm    windy



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Which four adjectives from the box above usually describe pleasant weather?

### 2 Audio

**a** **▶** Listen to the weather forecast and decide if the following sentences are true (T) or false (F).

- 1 Today is going to be colder than yesterday.
- 2 The west will be wet all day.
- 3 It'll be dry on the east coast.
- 4 It's likely to be sunnier this evening.
- 5 Tomorrow will be warmer than today.
- 6 It'll rain again before the weekend.
- 7 Sunday will be a dry day.



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**b** Listen again and complete the sentences with the correct words.

- 1 Courtesy of a  front which came in overnight,  have dropped in most areas.
- 2 We're likely to have some  bursts of rain and some rather blustery .
- 3 There's always the risk of isolated , especially on the coast which could see some heavier .
- 4 By late afternoon the rain starts to  away and we should see brighter .
- 5 The rest of the working week remains .
- 6 It all goes downhill at the weekend, with  increasing and a band of more persistent  heading in from the west.
- 7  spells and scattered  on Sunday.

### 3 Language in use

**a** Read the sentences describing weather. Look at the words in bold and match them with their meanings a-g.

- 1 I hope it **brightens up** today - we're planning to have a barbecue.
- 2 Suddenly the fog **lifted** and she had a fantastic view.
- 3 There's no way we can go walking, it's absolutely **pouring down!**
- 4 I think we should head back - it looks like the weather's starting to **close in**.
- 5 The sun was shining but there was a cool **breeze** off the sea.
- 6 It was glorious when we set off for the beach but by the time we arrived it had **clouded over**.
- 7 It wasn't raining heavily, just a bit of **drizzle**.

- a a light wind
- b to change suddenly and become unpleasant
- c to become sunnier
- d to become darker because clouds are forming in the sky
- e very light rain
- f to disappear
- g to rain very hard

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**b** Circle the option which does not combine with the noun to make a common phrase for describing weather.

- |   |          |
|---|----------|
| 1 <i>light / gentle / weak</i>            | breeze   |
| 2 <i>strong / heavy / torrential</i>      | downpour |
| 3 <i>scattered / isolated / sprinkled</i> | showers  |
| 4 <i>sunny / shiny / dry</i>              | spells   |
| 5 <i>strong / blustery / heavy</i>        | winds    |
| 6 <i>mist / fog / drizzle</i>             | patches  |
| 7 <i>scorching / frying / sweltering</i>  | heat     |
| 8 <i>light / bright / clear</i>           | skies    |

**c** Complete the conversation with the correct form of the words in the box. There is one word you don't need.

blustery    brighten    chilly    clear    cloud    pour    rain    warm    wind

**Cat:** Hi Amy. How was the camping trip?

**Amy:** The first night was awful. It absolutely (1) \_\_\_\_\_ down and everything in the tent got soaked.

**Cat:** Oh no, so what did you do, go to a hotel?

**Amy:** We were thinking about it, but when we woke the next morning it had (2) \_\_\_\_\_ up. We went down to the beach and it was actually quite (3) \_\_\_\_\_ and sunny.

**Cat:** Did you go in the sea?

**Amy:** Oh no, it didn't last long - after a couple of hours it (4) \_\_\_\_\_ over again. It was quite (5) \_\_\_\_\_, so we went back to the tent to make a cup of tea. But it was so (6) \_\_\_\_\_ that the stove kept blowing out. In the end we gave up and drove to a cafe!

**Cat:** What about the rest of the week?

**Amy:** The weather was pretty mixed, (7) \_\_\_\_\_ skies one day and then heavy (8) \_\_\_\_\_ the next.

**Cat:** Oh boy. Sounds like a typical summer in Scotland!

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### 4 Communicate

Practise having a short conversation describing what the weather was like at a particular period of time. Look at the pictures below or use your own ideas. Try to use some of the weather words and phrases from the exercises above.



*It was absolutely boiling/freezing in ...*  
*We only had a few showers/bit of drizzle.*  
*It was chilly in the evenings.*  
*It was a really blustery day.*

*It never really poured down.*  
*Then it brightened up in the evening.*  
*It snowed while I was ...*  
*It had clouded over by lunchtime.*

### Red Words

breeze \*\*    clear \*\*\*    cloud \*\*\*    forecast \*\*    pour \*\*\*    rain \*\*\*    shower \*\*    spell \*\*  
 warm \*\*\*    wind \*\*\*

### 5 Discuss

- Do you listen to/watch a weather forecast every day?
- If so, does it ever change what you wear/do, etc?
- Do you think weather forecasts provide reliable information?