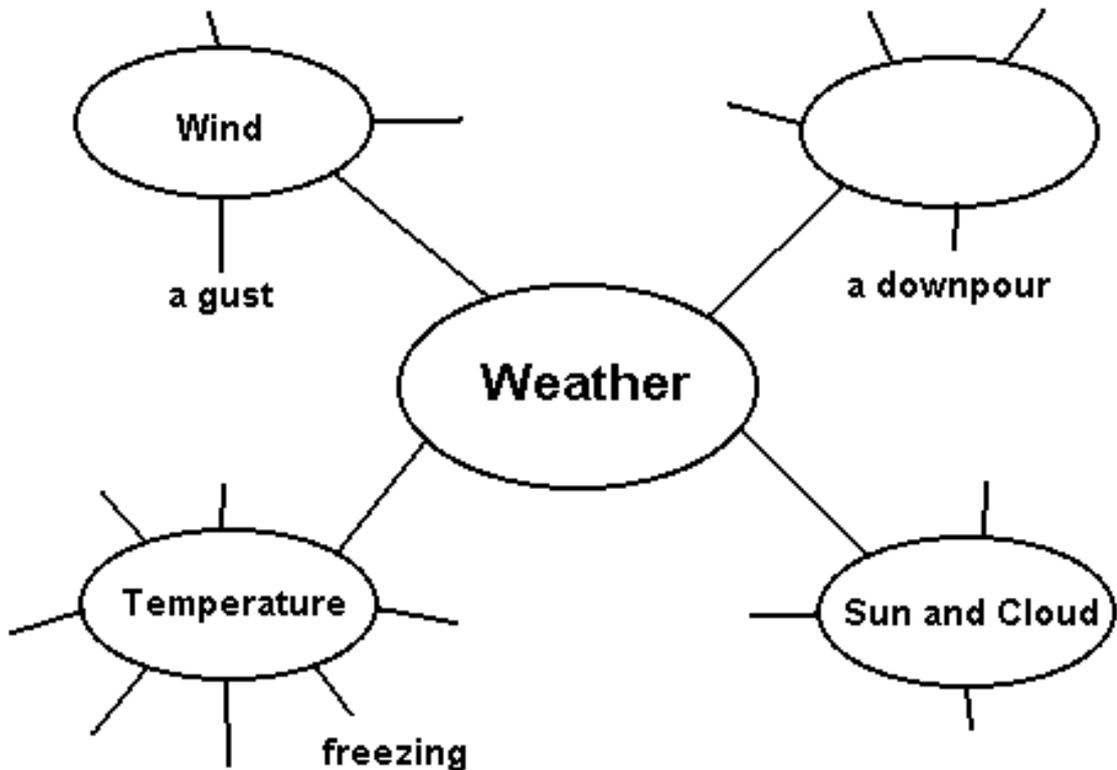


## Let's take a rain check on that

### 1. Weather words.

Put the weather words into the diagram below.

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|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| a) a gale   | b) a shower | c) drizzle  |
| d) shine    | e) foggy    | f) a breeze |
| g) to shine | h) overcast | i) cool     |
| j) warm     | k) cold     | l) hot      |
| m) mild     | n) boiling  | o) rain     |



## 2. Talking about the weather

*Work with a partner. Ask and answer these questions. Use the words from the diagram above.*

1. What is the weather like where you are from?
2. What is the hottest place you have ever been?
3. Have you ever been afraid of the weather?
4. What kind of weather do you prefer?
5. What kind of weather do you hate?

## 3. Weather idioms

*Look at the weather idioms below. Do you know what they mean? Can you match them to their correct meanings? Do you have any similar expressions in your language?*

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|--|-------|
| 1. He's a <b>fair-weather</b> friend.          | _____ |
| 2. She has her <b>head in the clouds</b> .     | _____ |
| 3. We're having an <b>Indian summer</b> .      | _____ |
| 4. He left his last job <b>under a cloud</b> . | _____ |
| 5. I'm feeling <b>under the weather</b> today. | _____ |
| 6. It's a <b>storm in a teacup</b> .           | _____ |
| 7. <b>Every cloud has a silver lining</b> .    | _____ |
| 8. I'm <b>snowed under</b> by work this week.  | _____ |

- a) Abnormally hot weather
- b) When people become upset over unimportant things
- c) Bad things always have a good side.
- d) Under bad circumstances
- e) Depressed because you are not well, ill
- f) To have a lot of work
- g) When you are not thinking clearly
- h) Someone who you can trust only when things are going well

## 4. Weather webquest

Do you want to learn more about the weather? Try the world's biggest online weather network: [weather.com](http://www.weather.com). Work in groups of three. Your task is to write a quiz about weather for another group.

Look at: <http://uk.weather.com/>

Each group of three choose one of the following areas.

A: Extreme weather. Click on the link below and look at the information about storms and extreme weather. Write 5 questions based on this information for another group.

<http://xoap.weather.com/encyclopedia/>

B: Weather glossary. Click on the link below and look at the information about weather terms. Write 5 questions based on this information for another group.

<http://dw.weather.com/glossary/a.html>

When you have finished, exchange questions with another group. Can you answer the other groups' questions?

## Using the Macmillan English Dictionary for Advanced Learners of American English CD ROM

Try the following quiz. You can find all the answers by finding the key words *weather*, *rain* and *sun* and following the various links if you have the Macmillan English Dictionary CD ROM. If you don't have the CD try using a monolingual dictionary.

### Weather Dictionary Quiz

- 1 'Wind and sun had \_\_\_\_\_ his face' (What is the verb?)
- 2 'Come rain or \_\_\_\_\_ she always runs 5 miles in the morning.' (Complete the expression.)
- 3 (For adults only!) 'He thinks the sun shines out of his \_\_\_\_\_.'
- 4 Which part of the USA is called the 'sun-belt'?
- 5 What happens to pale-skinned people from cold climates when they get too much sun?
- 6 Someone who makes a lot of money for a business is a rain-\_\_\_\_\_.
- 7 When a sports event or an outside event is cancelled because of rain, it is rained \_\_\_\_\_.