

Clear or Cloudy

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

Fine: (adjective) not raining, clear sky

Partially cloudy: (adjective) when there is a mixture of both blue sky and clouds

Cloudy: (adjective) with many clouds in the sky

Overcast: (adjective) covered with cloud; dull

Gloomy: (adjective) with dark clouds and dull light; some people consider this weather depressing

Sometimes the cloud lowers to ground level and it becomes harder to see...

Fog (noun)/ **foggy** (adjective): thick cloud 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

Types of Rain

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

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

Shower: (noun) a short period of rain

Rain: (verb/noun) water that falls from the clouds in drops

Downpour: (noun) heavy rain

Pour: (verb) to have heavy rain

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

Cold stuff

Blizzard: (noun) severe snowstorm with strong winds

Frost: (noun) a layer of small ice crystals that forms on the ground or other surfaces when the temperature is cold

Hail: (verb) when frozen rain falls as small balls of ice (hailstones).

Hailstones: (noun) the small hard balls of ice that fall from the sky

Snow: (noun/verb) frozen rain that falls from the sky as soft snowflakes

Snowflake: (noun) an individual piece of snow

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

Types of Wind

Breeze: a gentle wind (often nice or refreshing)

Blustery: blowing (strong) gusts of wind

Windy: continual wind.

Gale: a very strong wind

Hurricane/cyclone/typhoon: a spiral arrangement of thunderstorms that produce winds and heavy rain.

What's the difference between a hurricane, a typhoon and a cyclone?

They are the same thing just with different names because of the region they are in.

Atlantic/Northeast Pacific = a **hurricane**

Northwest Pacific = a **typhoon**

Southern Hemisphere = a **cyclone**

Tornado: (noun) strong violent circular winds in a small area; a rapidly revolving column of air

In the United States the word **twister** is often used instead of **tornado**.

More vocabulary about the weather

Drought: (noun) Long periods of time without rain causing a lack of water in the area

- A lot of the crops dried up because of the **drought**.

Forecast: (noun) A prediction of how the weather will be on a certain day

- The **forecast** says it's going to rain tomorrow.

Lightning: (noun) A flash of light in the sky during a storm.

- **Lightning** lit the sky many times that night.

Puddle: (noun) a small pool of water on the ground, usually after rain.

- The kids jumped in the **puddles** on the way home from school.

Rainbow: (noun) an arch of colors in the sky formed when the sun shines through rain

- I took a photo of a beautiful **rainbow** that was just above the lake.

Smog: (noun) a cloud of pollution hanging over a city (a fog of smoke)

- The view of the city wasn't very good because it was covered in thick **smog**.

Storm: (noun) a combination of strong winds and rain, often with thunder and lightning, and in some occasions snow.

- It is too dangerous to go fishing because of the **storm**.

Sunshine: (noun) the light and heat of the sun

- I could feel the warm **sunshine** on my back.

Thunder: (noun/verb) the rumbling sound in the clouds that happens after lightning

- The cat hid under the bed because it was scared by the **thunder**.

Sentences using weather vocabulary

- It is usually **chilly** and **damp** in autumn, sometimes with **rain** or **drizzle**.
- I'm so glad there is a **breeze** right now otherwise it would be very hot.
- It is so **humid** that I've had to change my shirt twice already.
- It's a **blustery** day; make sure your umbrella doesn't blow away.
- Take a sweatshirt because it's a little **chilly** outside.
- Those large **hailstones** left dents in my car.
- There has been a **gale** warning so it's not safe to go out fishing on our boat.
- There was a **drought** in our province last summer. It didn't rain for three months.
- We won't be able to see the solar eclipse because it's **overcast**.