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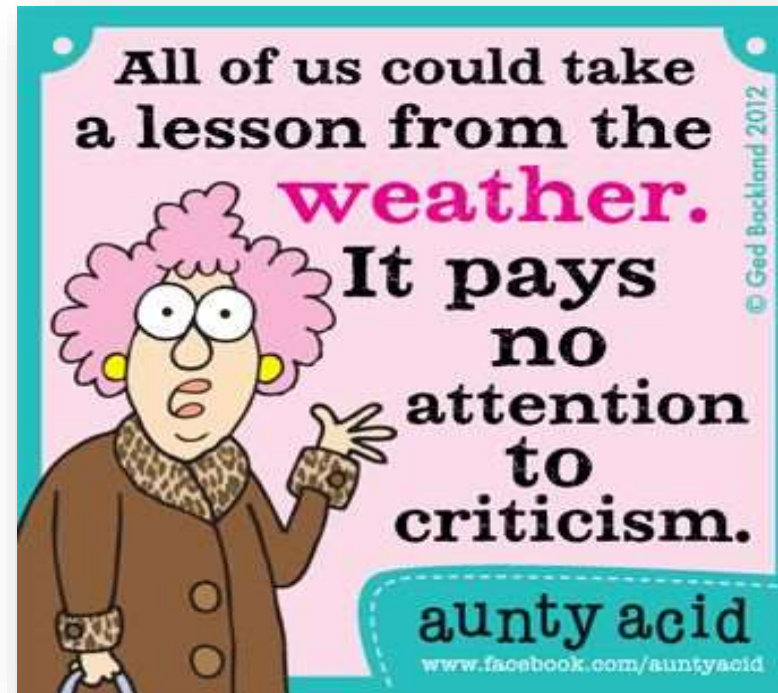
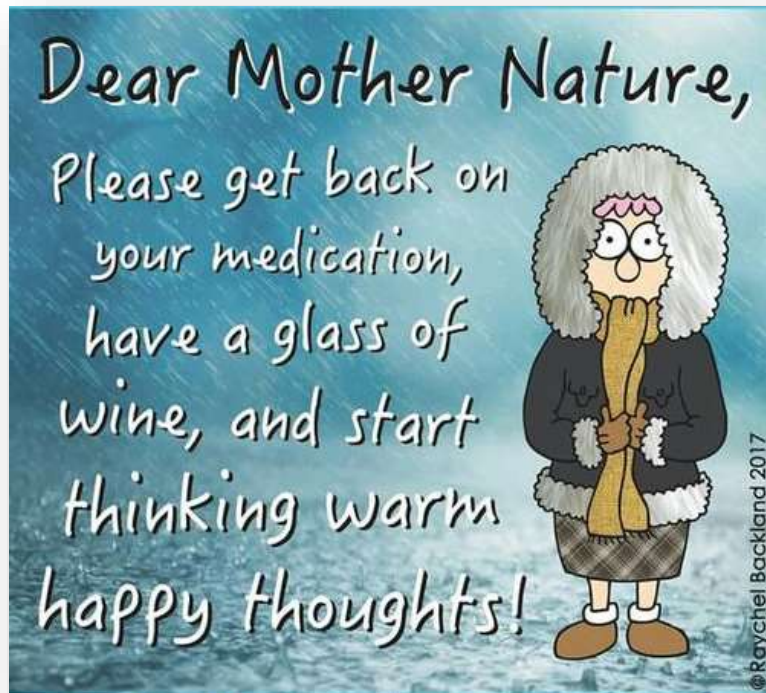
## Learning Objectives

**After this lesson, students will be able to:**

- Describe what the weather is like.
- Recognize words and expressions that are weather-related.
- Identify effects of different weather to one's feelings.
- Utilize simple present tense to talk about the weather.
- Check comprehension of a weather forecast.
- Ascertain things to pack during a severe weather condition.
- Discuss idiomatic expressions related to weather.
- Practice tongue twisters and minimal pairs.

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## Funny Weather Bulletin



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English speakers love to talk about the weather. It is a way of *breaking the ice* (starting a conversation).

People talk about the weather on the phone and in person. Friends and family talk about the weather before they discuss what's new. Co-workers talk about the weather before starting a hard day of work. Even strangers discuss the weather. Learn the proper vocabulary and expressions, and you will find it easy to start a conversation anytime and anywhere with anyone you meet!

**How's the weather like today?**

**Do people in your country like to talk about the weather?**

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## Common Questions and Responses about Weather

<b>What's it like out?</b>	It's miserable out.
<b>How's the weather?</b>	It's ten below. (-10 degrees)
<b>Do you have rain?</b>	We haven't had a drop of rain for weeks.
<b>What's the temperature there?</b>	It's 22 degrees Celsius.
<b>It's snowing here, what's it doing there?</b>	It's pouring outside. ( <i>raining heavily</i> )
<b>Beautiful day, huh?</b>	We couldn't ask for a better day than this.
<b>What's the weather forecast?</b>	They're calling for blue skies all week.

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Have you ever stepped outside on a sunny day and feel **happy**? Have you ever stepped outside on a chilly and rainy morning feeling **miserable**? This tends to happen to a lot of people. The weather is constantly changing just like our moods. But, can weather actually affect our mood? Do different types of weather affect in our mood in a different way?

What do you feel when it's:

Rainy



Cloudy



Snowy



Sunny



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Choose the best word or phrase to complete the gap from the choices below.

1. It's a lovely day. The sun is \_\_\_\_\_ and the sky is blue.

- A. blowing                      B. raining                      C. shining                      D. sunning

2. It's \_\_\_\_\_. Take an umbrella.

- A. raining                      B. falling                      C. shining                      D. blowing

3. My hands are blue! It's so \_\_\_\_\_. I need to put on my gloves.

- A. hot                      B. warm                      C. cool                      D. cold

4. You need a lot of \_\_\_\_\_ to ski in the mountains.

- A. sun                      B. cloud                      C. Water                      D. snow

5. It was a grey day. We couldn't see the sun because of the \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. wind                      B. weather                      C. Clouds                      D. sky

6. In winter, the \_\_\_\_\_ is very low in Canada.

- A. climate                      B. heat                      C. temperature                      D. degree

7. It's so cold - look. There is \_\_\_\_\_ on the river. You can walk on it. Maybe it's thick enough to try skating.

- A. ice                      B. frost                      C. mist                      D. snow

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8. Drive slowly. It's difficult to see everything because of the\_\_\_\_\_.

- A. Damp                      B. sun                      C. fog                      D. grey

9. There was a great\_\_\_\_\_last night. I couldn't sleep at all.

- A. Breeze                      B. storm                      C. thunder                      D. rain

10. There was a great flash of\_\_\_\_\_and then we heard thunder.

We knew that a storm was coming.

- A. light                      B. bright                      C. Sun                      D. lightning

11. Sometimes when the weather is hot, it's cooler at the beach because of the\_\_from the sea.

- A. Damp                      B. breeze                      C. fog                      D. mist

12. I think it rained last night. Look, the grass is\_\_\_\_\_.

- A. Damp                      B. humid                      C. dry                      D. cold





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There were a lot of  
... last night.



We can't go to the  
beach. It's too ...



If there is..., we will  
go skiing.



We usually go on  
holiday in the ...



We will have ...  
weather tonight.



The ... was  
blowing.



It is cold and wet  
in the ...

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Yesterday was ...



It was a ... day.



It's a beautiful day.  
The ... is shining.



It is very ... today.



It was a ... morning.



Our garden has a lot of  
flowers in the ...



The trees look  
beautiful in the ...



London is a ... city.

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Put the words on the right column.

1. Cloudy
2. Breeze
3. Hot
4. Warm
5. Downpour

6. Flood
7. Snow
8. Hurricane
9. Foggy
10. Hail

11. Windy
12. Overcast
13. Clear
14. Showers
15. Freezing

RAIN	COLD	TEMPERATURE	CLOUDS	WIND

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Snowy    rainy    windy    frosty    sunny    thundery  
overcast    stormy    misty    cloudy    showery    foggy

**Fill in the blanks with the correct word from the box.**



1. Before a thunderstorm, the weather is ...
2. When the sky is dark with clouds, it is ...
3. When there are strong winds, heavy rain, and dark clouds (possibly also thunder and lightning), the weather is ...
4. When there is thin fog (=mist), it is ...
5. When there are clouds, it is ...
6. When there are showers (= it rains frequently for short periods), the weather is ...
7. When there is fog, it is ...
8. When there is a lot of snow in winter, it is a ... winter.
9. When it rains a lot, it is ...
10. When the wind is blowing hard, it is...
11. When the ground is covered with frost, it is ...
12. When the sun is shining, it is ...

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## Simple Future Tense

The simple future is a verb tense that's used to talk about things that haven't happened yet.

Example: This year, Jen **will read** *War and Peace*. It **will be** hard, but she's determined to do it.

Use the simple future to talk about an action or condition that will begin and end in the future.

### How to Form the Simple Future

The formula for the simple future is **will + [root form of verb]**.

Example: I **will learn** a new language. Jen **will read** that book. My brothers **will sleep** till noon if no one wakes them up. You **will see** what I mean.

There is another way to show that something will happen in the future. It follows the formula **[am/is/are] + going to + [root form verb]**.

Example: I **am going to learn** a new language. Jen **is going to read** that book. My brothers **are going to sleep** till noon if no one wakes them up. You **are going to see** what I mean.

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[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=w4VSUox\\_RDs](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=w4VSUox_RDs)

Preview the questions on the next page.  
Click the link and answer the questions  
*(Click the subtitle to see the transcript of the video)*

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### True or False

1. The temperature in Hong Kong ranges from 19 °C to 21.9 °C.
2. Relative humidity ranges from 53-71%.
3. 8.7% millimeters of rain has been recorded since midnight.
4. According to Freddy, the weather will be freezing tomorrow.
5. The weather will be cloudy in the following few days.

### Complete the sentences using Future Tense

6. It ..... in Guangzhou and Chengdu.
7. It ..... in Macau.
8. It ..... in Seoul and Tokyo.
9. It ..... in Jakarta.

What is the weather forecast in your city this week?

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**Preparedness** Saves Lives. There is nothing we can do to stop severe thunderstorms, lightning, tornadoes or floods from developing. However, there are things that everyone can do to minimize the impacts of **severe weather** on our lives. What do you think you can do to be prepared?



The weather forecast said there will be a strong typhoon in your area in the next two days. What will you do to keep you and your family safe?

**What will you put in your emergency kit?**



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**Luke:** What is your favourite season?

**Paul:** Summer, when it is warm and sunny. I don't like autumn at all. It's very cold and wet and damp and it gets very foggy.

**Luke:** That's funny because I really like it. It's a time of year when you can put the kettle on, make a piping hot cup of tea, and read a book.

**Paul:** Well, I don't like it. And what about winter? It's very cold and wet and pretty miserable really. You'd need a lot of tea and books!

**Luke:** Well on such a winter day, with the correct rain gear and footwear, one can go hiking or walking and they can stay active.

**Paul:** No, I'd rather read at home.

1. Why does Paul like the summer?
2. What season does Luke like?
3. What does Luke like to do in autumn?
4. What about Paul?
5. According to Paul, what do we need in Winter?
6. Do you agree with Luke about winter? Why or Why not?
7. When does Paul like to read at home?



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1. How many seasons does your country have?
2. What is your favorite season? Why?
3. Do you worry about the weather? Why?
4. Why do you think some countries have different weather?
5. Has the weather in your country changed over the past decades?
6. Have you ever experienced extreme weather?
7. Do you always try and look at or read the weather forecast? Why?
8. How does the weather change your feelings?
9. When was the last time the weather destroyed one of your plans?
10. What new weather would you like to invent?



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**been under the weather.**  
*I've been under the weather, but I'm better.*



**fair-weather friend**  
*Bill stayed for lunch but he wouldn't help me with the yard work. He's just a fair-weather friend*



**weather the storm**  
*We decided to stay in the building and weather the storm there with the other visitors.*



**Come rain or shine**  
*I'll be there to help you move house come rain or shine.*



**Every cloud has a silver lining**  
*I got laid off from work yesterday, but every cloud has a silver lining and now I can spend more time writing my book.*

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## **On cloud nine**

*They were both on cloud nine during their honeymoon.*

## **Break the ice**

*He offered to get her a drink to help break the ice.*

**It's raining cats and dogs** *Take your umbrella and a jacket because it's raining cats and dogs outside.*

## **Take a rain check**

*Thanks for inviting me to dinner but I can't this week. Can I take a rain check on that?*

**It never rains but it pours** *First he lost his keys to the house, then his wallet and then his car broke down. It never rains but it pours.*

## **Storm is brewing**

*You could tell by the looks on their faces that a storm was brewing.*

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## Tongue Twisters

**Whether the weather be fine  
or whether the weather be not.  
Whether the weather be cold  
or whether the weather be hot.  
We'll weather the weather  
whether we like it or not.**

# Lesson 4. Say, No Fear!

## Minimal Pairs

T	W
tie	why
tin	win
toe	woe
type	wipe
ton	one
tag	wag
tight	white
tail	whale
test	west
tall	wall

B	W
bow	wow
buy	why
bun	one
bag	wag
bite	white
burst	worst
best	west
beep	weep
ball	wall
bead	weed

**The End**