37 Weather

A Types of weather

sun · rain · cloud · snow · fog · wind · thunder · lightning
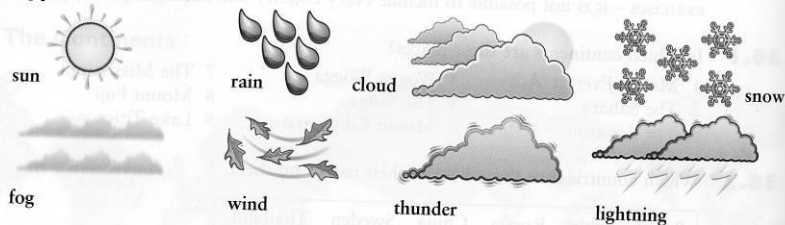
B Adjectives and verbs

noun	adjective
sun	sunny
rain	rainy
wind	windy
cloud	cloudy
snow	snowy
fog	foggy
thunder	thundery
lightning	–

It's a sunny day in Tokyo today, but it's cloudy in Hong Kong.
It's foggy in Sydney and it's snowing / it's snowy in Moscow.
It's raining in Barcelona but the sun is shining in Granada.

It's lovely weather today, isn't it! [NOT It's a lovely weather.]
It's a horrible day, isn't it!

You cannot say It's winding / clouding / fogging / sunning.

C Other useful weather words

It is very **hot** in Mexico – it is often **45 degrees** there in summer.
It is very **cold** in the Arctic – it is often **minus 50 degrees** there.
It is very **wet** in London – carry an umbrella when you go sightseeing there.
It is very **dry** in the Sahara – it doesn't often rain there.
A **hurricane** is a very strong wind.
A **storm** is when there is a strong wind and rain together.
A **thunderstorm** is when there is thunder, lightning, rain and sometimes wind together.

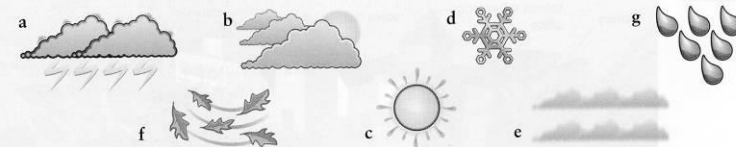**Tip:** If you are able to see the weather forecast in English on television, watch it as often as you can.

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Exercises

37.1 Match the words and the symbols.

1 snow   2 sun   3 rain   4 fog   5 lightning   6 wind   7 cloud

37.2 Look at the types of weather in A. Write them down in order from your most favourite to your least favourite.

37.3 Look at the chart. Write sentences about the towns in the chart.

	Hanoi	1 It is sunny in Hanoi.
Hong Kong	2 It is raining in Hong Kong.
La Paz	3 It is ....
Paris	4 It ....
Tashkent	5 ....
Seoul	6 ....
Warsaw	7 ....
Washington	8 ....

37.4 Complete these sentences with a word from the opposite page.

1 The sun .... every day last month.
2 When it ...., I take my umbrella.
3 It is lovely .... today, isn't it.
4 When it ...., we can go skiing.
5 You see .... before you hear thunder.
6 It is 24 .... here today.
7 It is dangerous to be in a small boat at sea in a ....
8 It is very .... in Siberia in winter.

37.5 Are these sentences true about the weather in your country? If not, correct them.

1 It often snows in December.
2 It is usually 40 degrees in summer and minus 20 degrees in winter.
3 There are thunderstorms every day in August.
4 It is very wet in spring.
5 We never have hurricanes.
6 Summer is my favourite season because it is usually hot and dry.

37.6 Write about the weather where you are today. Use as many words as possible from the opposite page.

37.1   1 d   2 c   3 g   4 e   5 a   6 f   7 b

37.2   *Possible answer:*
most favourite = snow, sun, wind, rain, lightning, cloud, fog = least favourite

37.3   3 It is windy in La Paz.
4 It is cloudy in Paris.
5 It is foggy in Tashkent.
6 It is sunny in Seoul. *or* The sun is shining in Seoul.
7 It is windy in Warsaw.
8 It is snowing in Washington.

37.4   1 shone   3 weather   5 lightning   7 storm
2 rains   4 snows   6 degrees   8 cold

37.5   *Possible answers:*
1 It sometimes snows in December.
2 It is usually 20 degrees in summer and 0 (zero) degrees in winter.
3 There are sometimes thunderstorms in August.
4 It is not usually very wet in spring.
5 We almost never have hurricanes.
6 Summer is my favourite season because it is warm and dry.

37.6   *Possible answer:*
Today it is sunny and warm. There are some clouds in the sky and a little wind. It is not raining and it is not snowing. There is no thunder or lightning – it is not hot enough.