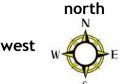
SEASONS AND CARDINAL POINTS:











LEVEL: BASIC 2

east

spring

summer

autumn/fall

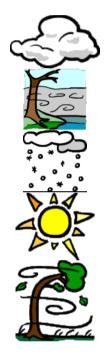
winter

south

WEATHER AND CLIMATES:

climate / 'klaɪ.mət/ - the general weather conditions usually found in a particular place. Examples of climates are: tropical, desert, Mediterranean, oceanic, continental...

weather $/\sqrt{\text{Weod}}$. Θ - the temperature and other conditions such as sun, rain, and wind .



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adjective	verb	noun
CLOUDY ≠ clear: It's cloudy. It's a cloudy day.		CLOUD (c and u): There are low/ high/ dark clouds.
FOGGY: It's foggy. It was a foggy day.		FOG (c and u): We got lost in the thick fog.
SNOWY: It's snowy. It's a snowy day/ night/ winter.	TO SNOW (v-i): It's snowing.	SNOW (u): Snow was falling heavily when we entered the village.
SUNNY = dry: It's sunny. It's a sunny day.	TO SHINE (v-i) (shone or shined, shone or shined): The sun is shining.	SUN (sg): The sun is shining.
WINDY: It's windy. It's a windy day/ night.	TO BLOW (v-i/t) (blew, blown): The wind is blowing.	WIND (c and u): There is a light/ strong/ cold wind. There are high winds. There is east/ west/ north/ south wind.
RAINY = wet: It's rainy. It's a rainy day.	TO RAIN/ TO POUR (DOWN) (v-i): It's raining. It's pouring (down). It's raining cats and dogs.	RAIN (u): There is light/ heavy rain.
STORMY: The sky looks stormy. When there is strong wind, heavy rain and dark clouds.		STORM (c): The storm broke (=suddenly started) at five o'clock.
THUNDERY: We have thundery weather today. Thundery weather is the kind of weather that comes before a thunderstorm.	TO THUNDER (v-i): It's thundering. When it thunders, there is a loud noise in the sky, usually after a flash of lightning.	THUNDER (u):the noise. LIGHTNING(u):the flash of light. There is a storm with thunder and lightning. THUNDERSTORM (c): a storm with thunder and lightning and usually heavy rain.



- Notice the following abbreviations: c (=countable noun), u (=uncountable noun), v-i (=intransitive verb), v-t (=transitive verb), sg (=singular noun).
 - Heatwave / heat wave vs. cold spell: There was a heatwave/cold spell last year.

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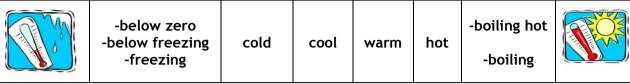
Common weather questions:

What's the weather like? What's the weather like today?

What's the temperature there?

It's 10 <u>below</u> (= -10 degrees). / It's <u>minus</u> 15 degrees at the top of the hill. It's 25 degrees Celsius.

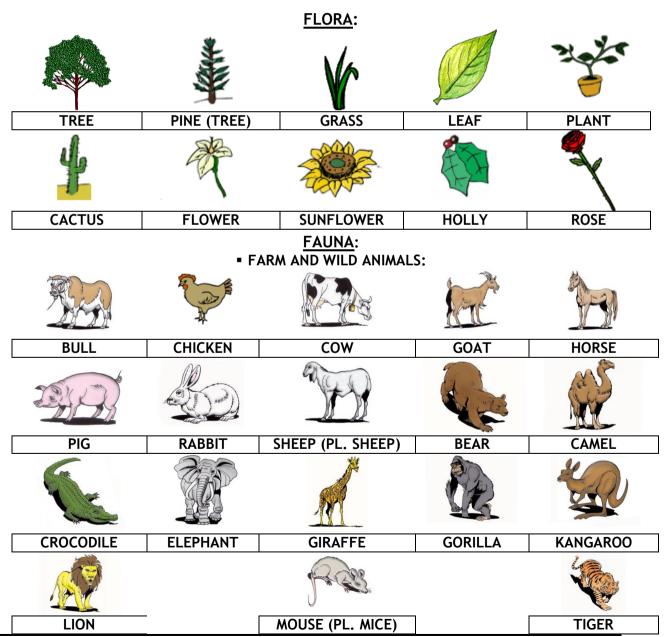
- The weather can be:
- sunny/ good/ fine/ nice/ lovely ≠ bad
- bright when the sun shines strongly ≠ cloudy when there are a lot of clouds in the sky
- dry when it does not rain ≠ wet/ rainy when there is a lot of rain
- Temperature words:

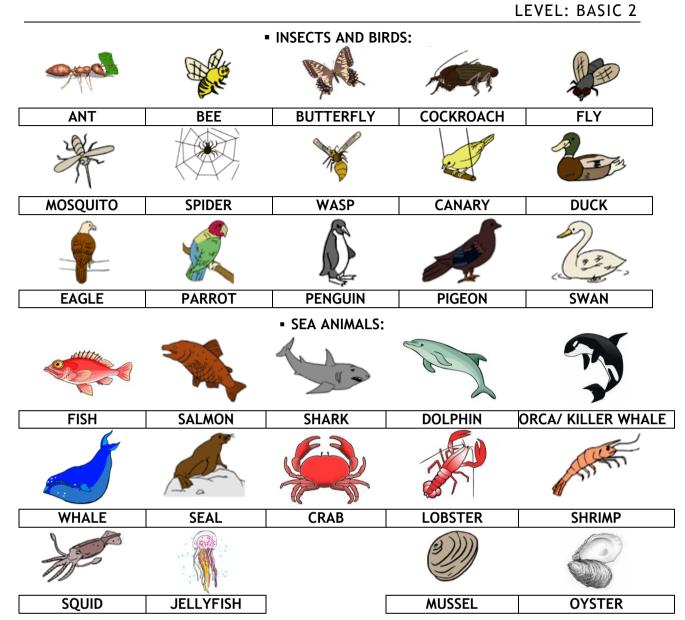


The temperature is going to drop to ten degrees below zero tonight.

I hope we get some warm weather soon.

We don't usually have such boiling hot weather.





THE ENVIRONMENT:

Renewable /rɪˈnjuːəbl/energy sources: solar power, wind power, water power, and geothermal /dʒiːəʊˈðɜːməl/power.

Greenhouse effect: term used to describe the increase in the Earth's average temperature. It's produced by man-made gases like fluorocarbons /ˌfluərəˈkɑːbənz/, and by an increase in natural greenhouse gases, like carbon dioxide /ˈkɑːbən daɪˈɒksaɪd/.

Climate change: is any long-term significant change in the expected patterns of average weather of a specific region over a significant period of time. Things you can do to help slow climate change are:

- a) Turn off lights when you leave a room.
- b) Turn off televisions, videos, stereos and computers when they are not in use.
- c) Don't leave fridge doors open for longer than necessary.
- d) Let your clothes dry naturally.
- e) Use energy saving light bulbs.
- f) Fit solar panels to your roof.