

WEATHER WORDS

Find the hidden words.

A	h	h	w	c	b	o	o	g	w	f	d	e	g	r	e	e	s	w	t	x	a	s	y	š
B	u	a	f	h	e	k	s	c	e	a	s	d	e	w	d	z	i	c	t	q	k	l	g	d
C	r	i	b	i	l	e	h	o	r	h	l	q	x	y	r	l	f	x	f	c	x	e	q	r
D	r	l	m	l	o	b	u	l	e	r	y	c	v	p	t	s	j	c	f	q	a	e	h	y
E	i	u	h	l	w	i	m	d	r	e	g	e	f	r	e	e	z	e	m	o	m	t	k	c
F	c	v	m	j	z	t	i	w	a	n	a	n	a	o	i	k	c	j	a	k	y	i	r	y
G	a	q	c	j	e	d	d	q	i	h	h	t	c	i	o	d	o	w	n	p	o	u	r	c
H	n	r	e	g	r	u	i	r	n	e	p	i	p	p	w	y	x	r	r	m	p	y	h	l
I	e	i	l	q	o	a	t	x	z	i	v	g	b	i	u	n	v	h	e	a	t	a	t	o
J	n	c	s	s	d	i	y	x	g	t	n	r	i	f	o	g	l	e	y	q	m	c	j	n
K	l	i	i	j	d	r	i	z	z	l	e	a	a	t	s	n	o	w	e	j	k	t	p	e
L	a	q	u	b	w	g	b	o	f	z	w	d	d	o	k	h	o	t	s	z	m	h	h	o
M	z	j	s	z	h	w	c	a	l	u	p	e	m	y	i	n	w	d	w	w	d	x	g	t
N	p	f	r	o	s	t	l	i	g	h	t	n	i	n	g	y	m	g	h	t	p	j	t	i
O	t	h	u	n	d	e	r	k	q	h	p	r	e	c	i	p	i	t	a	t	i	o	n	d
P	y	c	l	o	u	d	v	k	d	l	n	b	a	r	r	n	m	h	c	p	f	h	p	q
Q	p	q	h	l	i	g	h	w	a	r	m	g	f	o	r	e	c	a	s	t	m	j	h	m
R	x	t	m	f	l	o	o	d	b	l	i	z	z	a	r	d	g	i	y	g	w	k	c	y
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24



AIR	HOT	DOWNPOUR	BLIZZARD	HURRICANE
CELSIUS	LIGHTNING	FAHRENHEIT	CLOUD	RAIN
COLD	SLEET	FORECAST	DRIZZLE	THUNDER
DEW	DEGREES	HAIL	BELOW ZERO	WARM
DRY	CENTIGRADE	HUMIDITY	FLOOD	
FOG	CHILL	PRECIPITATION	FREEZE	
FROST	CYCLONE	SNOW	HEAT	

II. Choose the letter of the correct answer.

1. It is sometimes _____ in autumn.

- a) clouding over
- b) wet
- c) pouring
- d) sunshine

2. There is _____ today.

- a) fog
- b) raining
- c) foggy
- d) rains

3. There is often _____ in summer.

- a) rain
- b) rainy
- c) rains
- d) raining

4. It is often _____ in November.

- a) snow
- b) snows
- c) snowing
- d) snowy

5. It rarely _____ in spring.

- a) freeze
- b) freezes
- c) freezing
- d) frosty

6. There is rarely _____ in December.

- a) sunshine
- b) shines
- c) shining
- d) shine

7. There are often _____ in autumn.

- a) storm
- b) stormy
- c) storms
- d) stormy and windy

8. Look! It is _____.

- a) cloud over
- b) melts
- c) clearing up
- d) freezes

9. If it _____ this evening cars won't be able to drive fast.

- a) freezes
- b) will freeze
- c) freezing
- d) freeze

10. Many people will have a headache if there _____ a storm.

- a) will be
- b) was
- c) is
- d) are

III. Read the text.

It Never Rains but It Pours...

As you might expect, English has a lot of colloquial expressions to do with the weather. Here some of the more popular ones.

If you feel *under the weather* you don't feel very well, and if you *make heavy weather* of something, you make it more difficult than it needs to be. Someone with a *sunny disposition* is always cheerful and happy, but a person with his *head in the clouds* does not pay much attention to what is going on around him. *To have a place in the sun* is to enjoy a favourable position, and to go *everywhere under the sun* is to travel all over the world. Someone who *is under a cloud* is in **disgrace** or under **suspicion**, and a person who is *snowed under* with work is **overwhelmed** with it. When you *break the ice*, you get to know someone better, but if you *cut no ice* with someone, you have no effect on them. *To keep something on ice* or *in cold storage* is to **reserve** it for the future and *to skate on thin ice* is to be in a dangerous or risky situation. If something is *in the wind*, it is being secretly planned, and if you *have the wind* up, you become frightened. *To throw caution to the winds* is to **abandon** it and act **recklessly**, but to see how *the wind blows* is to find out how people are thinking before they act. If you *take the wind out of someone's sails*, you gain the advantage over him or her by saying or doing something first. *To save something for a rainy day* is to put some money aside for when it is needed. *To do something come rain or shine* is to do it whatever the **circumstances**. Finally, everyone knows that *it never rains but it pours*, that problems and difficulties always come together. But *every cloud has a silver lining* – every **misfortune** has a good side.

VOCABULARY:

in disgrace - būt neželastībā

suspicion - aizdomas

overwhelm - pārplūdināt

cold storage - uzglabāšana aukstumā

reserve - sagādāt

caution piesardzība

abandon atteikties

recklessly bez apdoma

circumstances обсто́ятельства

lining odere

misfortune neveiksme

Now see whether you can complete these sentences with one of the expressions about weather.

1. Nobody knew anyone else at the party, and it took a long time to _____.
2. Susan's a happy child – she's got a very _____.
3. You don't look very well. Are you _____.
4. I'm too busy to come out tonight – I'm _____.
5. Don't talk to Tom about religion or you'll be _____.
6. John's been _____ at work, ever since the money was stolen.
7. Let's see _____ before we decide what to do.
8. Sam's idea is a good one, but I think we ought to _____ until we've got more money.

ENGLISH WEATHER

The weather in England is very changeable. A fine morning can change into a wet afternoon and evening. And a nasty morning can change to a fine afternoon. That is why it is natural for the English to use the comparison "as changeable as the weather" of a person who often changes his mood or opinion about something. "Other countries have a climate; in England we have weather." This statement is often made by the English to describe the meteorological conditions of their country.

The English also say that they have three variants of weather: when it rains in the morning, when it rains in the afternoon or when it rains all day long.

The weather is the favourite conversational topic in England. When two Englishmen meet, their first words will be "How do you do?" or "How are you?" And after the reply "Very well, thank you; how are you?" the next remark is almost certain to be about the weather. When they go abroad the English often surprise people of other nationalities by this tendency to talk about the weather, a topic of conversation that other people do not find so interesting.

The best time of the year in England is spring (of course, it rains in spring too).

The two worst months in Britain are January and February. They are cold, damp and unpleasant. The best place in the world then is at home by the big fire.

Summer months are rather cold and there can be a lot of rainy days. So most people who look forward to summer holidays, plan to go abroad for the summer, to France or somewhere on the Continent.

The most unpleasant aspect of English weather is fog and smog. This is extremely bad in big cities and especially in London.

The fog spreads everywhere, it is in the streets and it creeps into the houses. Cars move along slowly, but still street accidents are frequent in the fog. People cannot see each other. They creep along the houses touching them with their hands not to lose their way or not to be run over by a car.