





Weather

A close-up photograph of water droplets falling and splashing on a surface, creating a dynamic and refreshing scene. The background is a deep blue, and the droplets are in various stages of motion, some suspended in the air and others just touching the surface.

Raindrop



Snowflake

A night scene with a lightning bolt in the sky and a fire in the distance. The lightning bolt is bright yellow and white, striking down from the top left. The fire is a large, bright orange and yellow flame in the center of the image. The background is dark blue and black, with some faint lights from buildings and trees visible.

Lightning

A dramatic night sky filled with dark, heavy clouds. Several bright, jagged lightning bolts are visible, striking down from the clouds. The scene is illuminated by the light of the lightning, creating a high-contrast, atmospheric effect. In the foreground, the dark silhouettes of trees and some distant lights are visible against the stormy sky.

Thunder

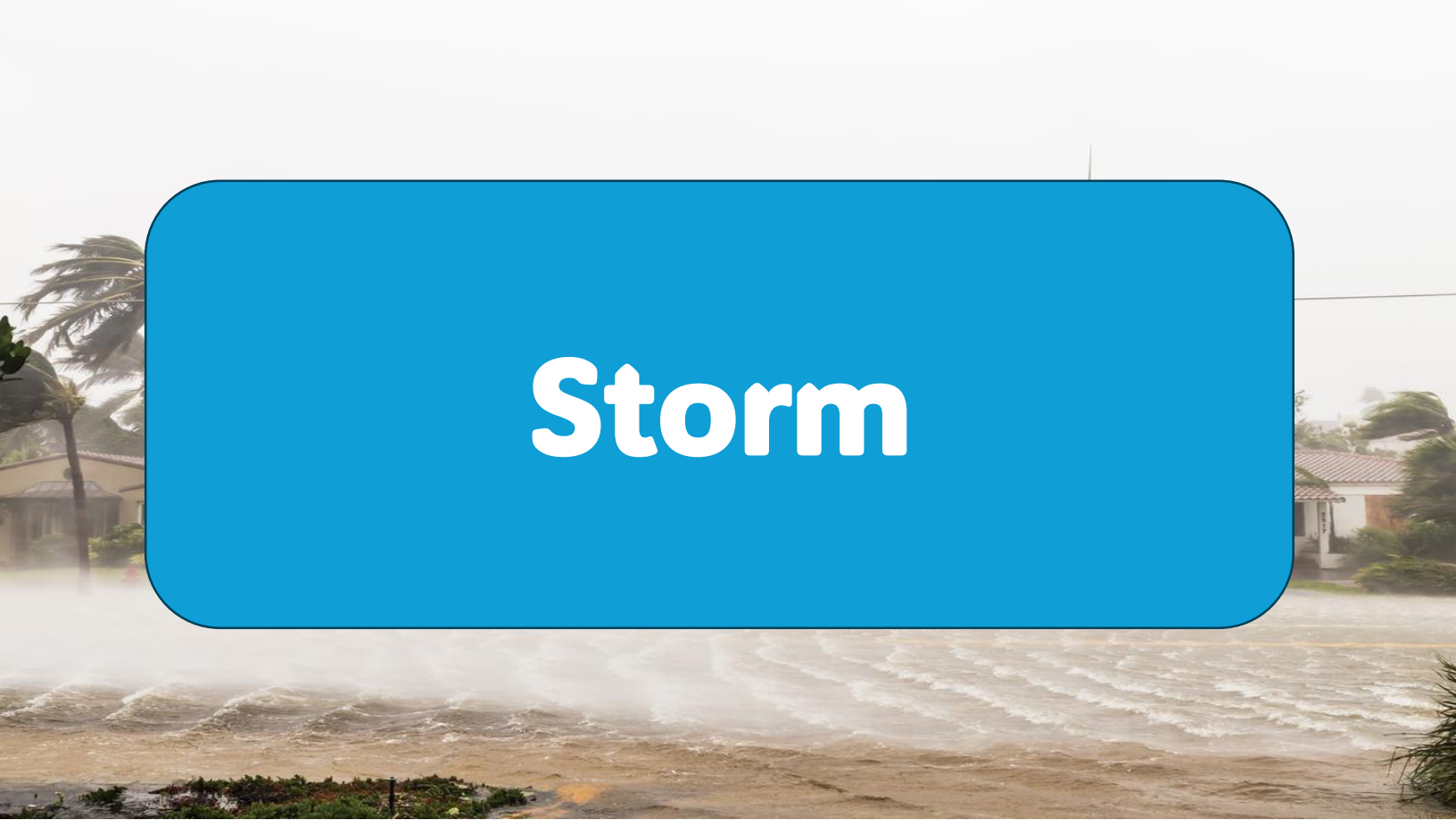
A background image showing a foggy scene at night or dusk. On the left, the side of a white truck is visible, with its headlights on, illuminating the fog. The rest of the scene is obscured by thick fog, creating a hazy, atmospheric effect.

Foggy

A close-up photograph of numerous white, spherical hailstones of varying sizes scattered across a bed of dry, golden-brown straw. The hailstones have a slightly textured, crystalline appearance. A blue rounded rectangle is superimposed over the upper portion of the image, containing the word 'Hail' in white text.

Hail

Storm



A landscape photograph showing a green field with a fence in the foreground, a line of trees in the middle ground, and a dramatic sky with dark, heavy storm clouds. A bright blue rounded rectangle is overlaid on the top half of the image, containing the text 'Stormclouds' in white.

Stormclouds



Frosty

A photograph of a person's hands in a snowy environment. The hands are positioned at the top of the frame, with fingers slightly spread. A large, rounded blue rectangle is overlaid on the center of the image, containing the word 'Frostbite' in white, bold, sans-serif font. The background shows a snowy, out-of-focus landscape with some dark, indistinct shapes.

Frostbite

A photograph of a person standing behind a large, blue, rounded rectangular sign. The sign has the word "Sweltering" written on it in white, bold, sans-serif font. The background shows a beach scene with green plants in the foreground and a person's legs and torso visible behind the sign. The sky is blue and clear.

Sweltering

A misty forest scene with tall evergreen trees and a body of water in the foreground, creating a serene and atmospheric background.

Mist

A close-up, artistic photograph of a rainy scene. In the upper right, a portion of a transparent umbrella is visible, its surface glistening with water droplets. The background is a dark, out-of-focus green, likely foliage, with numerous bright, white water droplets suspended in the air, creating a bokeh effect. A semi-transparent blue rounded rectangle is centered in the upper half of the image, containing the word 'Showery' in white text.

Showery

A photograph of a landscape with a light snowfall. The foreground is covered in green grass with a thin layer of white snow. In the background, there are green trees and a clear sky. A blue rounded rectangle is overlaid on the image, containing the text "A little snow".

A little snow

A night cityscape with a lightning storm in the sky. The city lights are visible in the foreground, and the sky is dark with several bright lightning bolts. A large blue rounded rectangle is overlaid on the top half of the image, containing the text "A few thunders" in white.

A few thunders

Weather QUIZ

1 What shape is a **raindrop** before it starts falling?

a



b



c



2 What makes the sound of **thunder**?

a a cloud

b rain

c lightning

3 You see lightning and then hear thunder six seconds later.

a 2 km

b 3 km

c 6 km

4 You only get **foggy** weather when

a the air is cold.

b it is **rainy**.

c you are near the ocean.

5 You only get **hail** when

a it is **windy**.

b there are **storm clouds**.

c there is no **sunshine**.

6 In what direction does an 'east **wind**' blow?

a towards the east →

b towards the west ←

7 What is the maximum time a **snowflake** takes to reach the ground?

a a minute

b five minutes

c twenty minutes

d an hour

8 When you are facing a rainbow, the **sun** is always

a in front of you.

b behind you.

c to one side.



Answers: 1 a 2 c 3 a 4 b 5 b 6 b 7 c 8 b

- 2 **VOCABULARY** Complete the table with the highlighted words from the quiz in exercise 1. What do you notice about the way the adjectives are formed?

Weather			
Noun	Adjective	Verb	Related words and phrases
1	cloudy		rain clouds 2
fog	3		
frost	frosty		frostbite
4		hail	hail storm
ice	icy		
5			flash of lightning
mist	misty		
6	7	rain	8
shower	showery		rain shower
snow	snowy	snow	9
10	stormy		thunderstorm
11	sunny	(the sun) shines	12
13	thundery	to thunder	clap / crash of thunder
14	15	(the wind) blows	

- 3 **SPEAKING** In pairs, ask and answer the questions (1–4) below. Use words and phrases from exercise 2 and the words below.

Describing temperature

It's minus ten. It's 35 degrees (Celsius). It's below zero. It's freezing / cold / cool / mild / warm / hot / sweltering.

- What is the weather like today?
- What is it usually like in December?
- What is it usually like in August?
- Do you prefer rainy, snowy or icy weather? Why?

- 4 **1.34** Listen to five weather reports (1–5). Match three of them with the photos (A–C).

1 — 2 — 3 — 4 — 5 —

RECYCLE! *a few, a little, not much / many, a lot of*

Remember: we use *a few*, *not many* or *a lot of* with plural (countable) nouns.

a few thunderstorms

We use *a little*, *not much* or *a lot of* with uncountable nouns.

a little snow

- 5  **1.34** Read the **Recycle!** box. Then listen again and complete these sentences from the weather reports.

Report 1

1 It's -10°C and there's _____ everywhere.

2 We're expecting _____ this afternoon.

Report 2

3 There is _____ on the ground.

4 There isn't _____ but the wind is blowing the snow into my face.

Report 3

5 There's _____ on the grass after a cold night.

6 There aren't _____ in the sky.

Report 4

7 There's _____ in people's gardens.

8 There's _____ on the pavements.

Report 5

9 There were _____ and it was windy too.

10 Now there's _____ and the wind is extremely strong.

- 6 In pairs, invent a weather report. Use the prompts below to help you plan it.

- What type of weather?
- Temperature?
- What can you see? (snow, ice, clouds, etc.)

- 7 **SPEAKING** Present your weather report to the class.

Here in Birmingham, there's a strong wind blowing from the north.

