



## The weather, weather conditions and weather equipment: vocabulary quiz!!



An instrument for measuring air pressure to show when the weather will change:

- a. Baroneess
- b. Thermometre
- c. Barometer



A period of unusually hot weather:

- a. Heater
- b. Hothead
- c. Heatwave



A snow storm with very strong winds:

- a. Snowdon
- b. Blizzard
- c. Blits



A flash, or several flashes, of very bright light in the sky caused by electricity:

- a. Light show
- b. Lighter
- c. Lightning



One of a pair of long rubber boots that you wear to stop your feet from getting wet:

- a. Wellington boot
- b. Denver boot
- c. Safety boot



Small balls of ice that fall like rain:

- a. Ice cube
- b. Ice bucket
- c. Hail



A violent tropical storm in which strong winds move in a circle:

- a. Cymbal
- b. Cyclone
- c. Cyclops



Adjective which means really hot:

- a. Scorching
- b. Scouting
- c. Scraping



A long light coat that keeps you dry in the rain:

- a. Rainmaker
- b. Waterfall
- c. Raincoat



The loud noise that you hear after a flash of lightning, during a storm:

- a. Thumb
- b. Thyme
- c. Thunder



A form of air pollution that is or looks like a mixture of smoke and fog:

- a. Smoko
- b. Smog
- c. Foghorn



An adjective which means slightly wet, often in a way that is unpleasant:

- a. Dimple
- b. Dump
- c. Damp



An instrument for measuring the amount or level of rain:

- a. Rain gauge
- b. Rain drop
- c. Rain proof



A long period of time where there is little or no rain:

- a. Draught
- b. Drought
- c. Dryer



A short period of rain or snow:

- a. Snow-blind
- b. Rainbow
- c. Shower



An adjective which describes for example an icy surface, because it is difficult to stand or move on it:

- a. Sleepy
- b. Slippery
- c. Slipper



A large amount of water covering an area that is usually dry:

- a. Water vole
- b. Flock
- c. Flood



A cloud of very small drops of water in the air just above the ground that makes it difficult to see:

- a. Moist
- b. Mist
- c. Mitten



<p>What do you call the description, for example on the radio or television, of what the weather will be like tomorrow or for the next few days?</p> 	<p>What's the name of the scientific study of the earth's atmosphere and its changes, used especially in forecasting the weather?</p> 	<p>What do you call a metal object on the roof of a building that turns easily in the wind and shows which direction the wind is blowing from?</p> 
<p>What's the name of the machine that removes snow from roads or paths by blowing it to one side?</p> 	<p>What's the verb that refers to the drops of liquid which appear on the surface of your skin, for example when you are hot?</p> 	<p>What's the object with a round folding frame that you use to protect yourself from the rain or from hot sun?</p> 
<p>What do you call a machine that makes artificial snow and blows it onto ski slopes?</p> 	<p>What's the English idiom which means it is raining heavily?</p> 	<p>What's the verb that means to shake slightly because you are cold?</p> 
<p>What do you call a violent storm with very strong winds which move in a circle?</p> 	<p>What's the adjective which means extremely cold?</p> 	<p>What's the verb which means to become or make something become liquid as a result of heating?</p> 

1. Try to match the pictures to the words below (they are all words used in the quiz):



1. Denver boot
2. Foghorn
3. Cyclops
4. Mitten
5. Rainbow
6. Slipper
7. Thumb
8. Cymbal
9. Dryer
10. Waterfall
11. Lighter
12. Icebucket

2. Find the words that go with the following definitions. They are all words that appear in the quiz. To help you, there is the initial letter:

1. Adjective which means slightly wet: M\_\_\_\_\_
2. An animal like a rat that swims and lives in a hole beside a river or lake: W\_\_\_\_\_
3. A person who makes a business grow and become successful: R\_\_\_\_\_
4. The highest mountain in Wales: S\_\_\_\_\_
5. A person who often acts too quickly, without thinking of what might happen: H\_\_\_\_\_
6. A small usually square piece of ice used for making drinks cold: I\_\_\_\_\_
7. A group of sheep, goats or birds of the same type: F\_\_\_\_\_
8. Adjective which means unable to see because of the light reflected from a large area of snow: S\_\_\_\_\_
9. A woman who has the same rank as a baron: B\_\_\_\_\_
10. A small amount of something produced by scratching a surface: S\_\_\_\_\_
11. A rest from work, for example to smoke a cigarette: S\_\_\_\_\_
12. A small hollow place in the skin, especially in the cheek or chin: D\_\_\_\_\_

**Solutions:** Here you can find the definitions of all the words used in the first part of the quiz.  
The words in red are the correct answers:

**Baroness:** a woman who has the same rank as a baron.

**Thermometre:** an instrument used for measuring the temperature of the air, a person's body, etc.

**Barometer:** an instrument for measuring air pressure to show when the weather will change.

**Heater:** a machine used for making air or water warmer.

**Hothead:** a person who often acts too quickly, without thinking of what might happen.

**Heatwave:** a period of unusually hot weather.

**Snowdon:** the highest mountain in Wales.

**Blizzard:** a snowstorm with very strong winds.

**Blitz:** a sudden attack.

**Light show:** a display of changing coloured lights, for example at a pop concert.

**Lighter:** a small device that produces a flame for lighting cigarettes.

**Lightning:** a flash, or several flashes, of very bright light in the sky caused by electricity.

**Wellington boot:** one of a pair of long rubber boots usually reaching almost up to the knee, that you wear to stop your feet from getting wet.

**Denver boot:** (AmE) a device that is attached to the wheel of a car that has been parked illegally, so that it cannot be driven away. (BrE: clamp, wheel clamp)

**Safety boot:** a durable boot that has a protective reinforcement in the toe which protects the foot from falling objects or compression, usually combined with a mid sole plate to protect against punctures from below.

**Ice cube:** a small usually square, piece of ice used for making drinks cold.

**Ice bucket:** a container filled with ice and used for keeping bottles of wine, etc, cold.

**Hail:** small balls of ice that fall like rain.

**Cymbal:** a musical instrument in the form of a round metal plate which is hit with a stick, or two cymbals one hit against each other.

**Cyclone:** a violent tropical storm in which strong winds move in a circle.

**Cyclops:** a giant with only one eye in the middle of his face.

**Scorching:** adjective which means very, very hot.

**Scouting:** the activities that boy and girl scouts take part in.

**Scraping:** a small amount of something produced by scratching a surface.

**Rainmaker:** (AmE, business) a person who makes a business grow and become successful.

**Waterfall:** a place where a stream or river falls from a high place, for example over a cliff or rock.

**Raincoat:** a long light coat that keeps you dry in the rain.

**Thumb:** the short thick finger at the side of the hand, slightly apart from the other four.

**Thyme:** a plant with small leaves that have a sweet smell and are used in cooking as a herb.

**Thunder:** the loud noise that you hear after a flash of lightning, during a storm.

**Smoko:** a rest from work, for example to smoke a cigarette.

**Smog:** a form of air pollution that is or looks like a mixture of smoke and fog.

**Foghorn:** an instrument that makes a loud noise to warn ships of danger in fog.

**Dimple:** a small hollow place in the skin, especially in the cheek or chin.

**Dump:** a place where waste or rubbish/garbage is taken and left.

**Damp:** adjective which means slightly wet, often in a way that is unpleasant.

**Rain gauge**: an instrument for measuring the amount or level of rain.

**Rain drop**: a single drop of rain.

**Rain proof**: adjective that means that something can keep rain out.

**Draught**: a flow of cool air in a room or other confined space.

**Drought**: a long period of time where there is little or no rain.

**Dryer**: a machine for drying something (in this case, your hands)

**Snow-blind**: adjective that means unable to see because of the light reflected from a large area of snow.

**Rainbow**: a curved band of different colours that appears in the sky when the sun shines through rain.

**Shower**: a short period of rain or snow.

**Sleepy**: adjective which means needing sleep or ready to go to sleep.

**Slippery**: adjective which describes for example an icy surface, because it is difficult to stand or move on it.

**Slipper**: a loose soft shoe that you wear in the house.

**Water vole**: an animal like a rat that swims and lives in a hole beside a river or lake.

**Flock**: a group of sheep, goats or birds of the same type.

**Flood**: a large amount of water covering an area that is usually dry.

**Moist**: adjective which means slightly wet.

**Mist**: a cloud of very small drops of water in the air just above the ground that makes it difficult to see.

**Mitten**: a type of glove that covers the four fingers together and the thumb separately.

**Answers to the questions in the second part of the quiz (in order from left to right):**

Weather forecast

Meteorology

Weather-vane (or weathercock)

Snowblower

To sweat

Umbrella

Snow cannon

"It's raining cats and dogs"

To shiver

Tornado

Freezing

To melt

**Answers to activity 1 (following the pictures from left to right):**

10. Waterfall; 9. Dryer; 7. Thumb; 3. Cyclops; 12. Icebucket; 1. Denver boot; 4. Mitten; 5. Rainbow; 6. Slipper; 2. Foghorn; 8. Cymbal; 11. Lighter.

**Answers to activity 2:**

1. Moist
2. Water vole
3. Rainmaker
4. Snowdon
5. Hothead
6. Ice cube
7. Flock
8. Snow-blind
9. Baroness
10. Scraping
11. Smoko