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Weather Vocabulary

Snowflake /'snəʊfleɪk/ (N) An individual piece of snow.

Example: Every snowflake has an individual crystal pattern.

Rainbow /'reɪnbəʊ/ (N) - A multicolored, circular phenomenon caused by the reflection in water droplets.

Example: Rainbows usually occur during changeable weather conditions.

Windy /'wɪndi/ (Adj) - A lot of wind

Example: The north-west of the country is famous for windy conditions.

Gust /gʌst/ (N) - A strong sudden wind.

Example: During the storm, gusts were recorded at over 100kph.

Meteorologist /,mi:tɪə'ɒlədʒɪst/ (N) - Someone who studies the weather.

Example: Meteorologists have predicted heavy snowfall this weekend so be careful not to plan any long distance road journeys.

Blizzard /'blɪzəd/ (N) - A severe snow storm that is accompanied by strong winds.

Example: When there is a chance of a blizzard, the meteorological office posts a yellow or red warning.

Icy /'aɪsi/ (N) - To be covered in ice.

Example: The road was closed after the accident caused by the icy conditions.

Overcast 'əʊvəkɑ:st/ (Adj) - Cloudy with a good chance of rain.

Example: It's been overcast with grey clouds all day. I'm sure it will rain before the end of the day.

Precipitation /prɪ,sɪpɪ'teɪʃən/ (N) - Rain, sleet, hail and snow.

Example: The amount of precipitation that has fallen this summer has set a new record.

Humid /'hju:mɪd/ (Adj) - A high level of small water drops in the air.

Example: When it's humid, I tend to sweat a lot.

Weather: Idioms

Quick as lightning - To do something extremely quickly.

Example: He was late for work but cycled as quick as lightning to get there on time.



Take a rain check - To suggest or accept an alternative arrangement.

Example: I'd love to meet for coffee, but I'm busy tonight. Can I take a rain check?

Raining cats and dogs - To rain heavily.

Example: Don't go out there without your umbrella. It's raining cats and dogs.



On cloud nine - To feel incredibly happy.

Example: She was on cloud nine when she got 8.0 in the IELTS test.

Under the weather - Feeling ill or sick.

Example: I've been under the weather recently with a heavy cold, but I'm feeling much better now.

