



Ex. 1 Fill in the blanks with the most suitable word.

mist frost sleet rain hail wind fog smog snow blizzard lightning thunder

Listen to the pouring (1) outside, and the roar of the (2) as it blows through the trees. Listen to the clatter of icy (3) on the window and the crashing of the (4) while (5) flashes across the sky. See the thick grey (6) and the thin, grey, wet smell the dirty, bitter, yellow grey (8), in the city. Feel the crunch of (9) under your feet as you walk on the icy grass, and shake the freezing, wet (10) and (11) from your hair as the howling (12) turns the world to white.

Ex. 2 Look at the following groups or pairs of words and discuss what the difference is between them:

- snow, sleet and hail
- a storm and a blizzard
- a breeze, a gale and a hurricane
- flooding and droughts
- mist and fog
- a shower and sunny spells
- rain and humidity
- a hurricane and a tornado

Ex. 3 Replace the words and expressions in bold with a suitable word or expression

under cloud	bucketing down	weather	boiling
steals my thunder	every cloud has a silver lining	on cloud nine	
storm in a teacup	under the weather	cats and dogs	downpour
heavy weather of it			

1. It's raining a lot.
2. It's pouring with rain.

3. It's very hot in our office at the moment.
4. We could ask him to sort out the invoices, but he'll make it unnecessarily difficult and complicated.
5. Jan's feeling unwell.
6. There was a sudden heavy fall of rain and all the spectators ran inside.
7. don't know if we can survive this crisis without any extra cash.
8. However gloomy things may seem, there is always some aspect which is good.
9. They were very happy when they won the lottery.
10. Ben was under suspicion for a long time after the thefts were discovered.
11. Whenever have a great idea. Penny spoils it by doing it first and getting all the credit.
12. ah thought it was important, but in fact it was a lot of fuss about something which was very trivial.

Ex. 4 QUIZ: WEATHER Answer these fourteen questions to score your vocabulary knowledge.

1. When the 'temperature' is 'below zero'
 - a) a sandstorm is more possible
 - b) people will often sweat
 - c) it might be possible to make a snowman
 - d) many people like to sunbathe
2. Which of the following words means 'Celsius'?
 - a) centigrade
 - b) cyclone
 - c) degree
 - d) Fahrenheit
3. Which of the following words means the opposite of 'drought'?
 - a) freeze
 - b) flood
 - c) sweat
 - d) tornado
4. Which of the following describes 'hail'?
 - a) cyclone
 - b) degree
 - c) global warming
 - d) ice
5. Which of the following describes 'hurricane'?
 - a) cloud
 - b) frostbite
 - c) icicle
 - d) storm
6. Which of the following things will you probably hear, if you see 'lightning'?
 - a) global warming
 - b) a snowman
 - c) thunder
 - d) a weather reporter
7. Which of the following words best describes 'rainbow'?
 - a) beautiful
 - b) dangerous
 - c) warm
 - d) windy
8. Which of the following things can 'shade' do?
 - a) tell you what the temperature is
 - b) tell you if tomorrow will be sunny
 - c) help keep you cool
 - d) all of the above
9. Which word best describes the weather when people 'shiver'?
 - a) cold
 - b) dry
 - c) hot
 - d) warm
10. Which of the following things can a 'thermometer' do?
 - a) tell you what the temperature is
 - b) tell you if tomorrow will be sunny
 - c) help keep you cool
 - d) none of the above
11. What should you do if you see a 'tornado'?
 - a) put on sunglasses
 - b) make a snowman
 - c) run away
 - d) take a satellite photo
12. Which of the following words best describes 'wind chill'?
 - a) rainy
 - b) temperature
 - c) ice age
 - d) sunny