

CHAPTER 1: The Weather

VOCABULARY

1 Put the words in the correct part of the table.

cold	freezing	hot	humid
snowy	sunny	warm	

Summer	Winter

2 Complete the sentences with the words in the box.

foggy	humid	shines	snowy	storm
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- When there is a lot of water in the air it is _____.
- When the air temperature is freezing, the weather is usually _____.
- I can't see anything on the road today because it is very _____.
- My favorite weather is in summer because the sky is blue and the sun _____.
- In a _____ the weather is very bad and there is a lot of rain and wind.

READING

3 Read the article about four North American cities. Write the names under the photos.



1 _____



2 _____



3 _____



4 _____

The United States is a huge country with a lot of different weather. When you travel south and west, it gets warmer. The northern and eastern parts of the country are generally colder. There are mountains where it is cold and deserts where it is very hot. The Atlantic Ocean is on the east coast and it is usually colder there. The Pacific Ocean is on the west coast and it is usually hotter there.

New York

New York is on the east coast and the weather can be quite extreme. In spring, it is warm and sunny and in fall, it can be rainy and windy. It often has very hot, humid summers with high temperatures of more than 28°C. There are freezing temperatures of about -5°C in January and February. There is an average of 60 cm of snow every year.

Austin, Texas

Austin is in the south of the USA. It is on the Colorado river. It has a desert climate and it is usually warm and dry. The winters are short – grey and cloudy with a little rain. But the summers are very long and it is always very hot and sunny with blue skies.

Seattle, Washington

Seattle is a coastal city in the north-west corner of the United States and the climate is mild. From November to January it is very wet, with 950 mm of rain per year. In the summer, there is a lot of sunshine, but the temperatures at night are often cool. The air is sometimes cloudy or foggy early in the day.

Boston, Massachusetts

Boston is one of the oldest cities in the United States. It is on the coast in the north-east of the country and it has four very different seasons. In the summer, there are storms, but also sunny days. In the winter, there is snow, but also freezing wind. It is famous for its beautiful fall when the leaves turn brown, orange, yellow and red. In winter, there is an average of 122 cm of snow. And in spring there is an average of 100 mm of rain.

4 Read the article again and complete the sentences with *New York, Austin, Seattle* or *Boston*.

- _____ is not on the coast.
- _____ is wetter than the other cities.
- _____ is drier than the other cities.
- _____ can be foggy in the mornings.
- _____ is humid in July.
- _____ has storms and sunshine in summer.
- _____ has very hot summers and very cold winters.
- _____ has colorful trees in October.

GRAMMAR

5 Complete the sentences with the comparative form of the adjectives in brackets.

- My brother Sam is _____ (tall) than me.
- My new car is _____ (big) than my old one.
- Is the BMW X5 a _____ (comfortable) car than the Audi A6?
- Oxford is a _____ (pretty) city than Brighton.
- This computer has more memory and is _____ (fast) than yours.
- Julie has three _____ (young) sisters.
- The weather in the mountains is _____ (cold) than in the city.
- People in Costa Rica are _____ (happy) than people in the United States.

6 Complete the sentences with the comparative form of the adjectives in the box.

boring	bright	close	dry
expensive	friendly	important	small

- It is foggy in the morning here, but afternoons are usually _____.
- This Italian restaurant has _____ waiters than the burger house near the station.
- Today English is _____ than French because billions of people speak it around the world.
- Our house is _____ to the sea than Ben's house. It's only a five-minute walk.
- Athens is _____ than Istanbul. Its population is only around 3 million.
- California has _____ summers than Arizona because it almost never rains there in the summer.
- Are clothes _____ in Switzerland than in Italy?

- It's _____ in the countryside than in the city because there's nothing to do in the evenings.

LISTENING

7 Listen to the weather guide of three different countries and number them in the order they are mentioned.



8 Listen again and answer the questions.

- What is the summer temperature in Jordan?
 - 40 degrees
 - 30 degrees
 - 20 degrees
 - 44 degrees
- How can you describe the winters in Jordan?
 - warm and dry
 - short and cool
 - rainy and foggy
 - long and humid
- What are the beaches like in Italy?
 - long and dirty
 - white and sandy
 - small and busy
 - clean and quiet
- Where do people go skiing in Italy?
 - in the south
 - in the west
 - in the east
 - in the north
- What is the weather like in Ireland?
 - cold and sunny
 - warm and dry
 - often rainy
 - hot and humid
- What is Ireland famous for?
 - sunny weather
 - beautiful rainbows
 - snowy mountains
 - great sunsets

9 Listen again and circle T (True) or F (False).

- In Jordan, there are storms in winter and sandstorms in summer. T / F
- Jordan is close to a desert. T / F
- Winters in Italy are not rainy. T / F
- Summers are hotter in the south than in the north of Italy. T / F
- Ireland has long days in the winter. T / F
- Ireland often has freezing temperatures in winter. T / F