

A weather forecast

Listen to a weather forecast and answer the questions to practise and improve your listening skills.

Before listening

Do the preparation task first. Then listen to the audio and do the exercises.

Preparation task

Match the definitions (a–h) with the vocabulary (1–8).

Vocabulary

1. throughout
2. isolated
3. a patch
4. drizzle
5. to clear up
6. elsewhere
7. a heatwave
8. to make way for

Definition

- a. a small area
- b. to disappear
- c. on its own, without other similar things around it
- d. during all of a period of time
- e. in other places
- f. to move so that there is space for something to enter
- g. very light rain
- h. a period of weather that is much hotter than normal

Tasks

Task 1

Write the words in the correct group.

thunderstorms	dry	showers	a heatwave
wet weather		drizzle	bright

Rainy weather	Sunny weather

Task 2

Are the sentences true or false?

	Answer	
1. It will start raining at lunchtime today in the east.	True	False
2. The weather in the north-west will be worse than in the south.	True	False
3. There will be thunder in Leeds tonight.	True	False
4. Most of England will be hot this week.	True	False
5. Wet weather will move from the north to the south at the weekend.	True	False
6. It will stay hot when the rain comes.	True	False

Discussion

What kind of weather do you like best?

Transcript

Hello and good morning! Well, we're off to a good start in the south this week, as most of the rain from the weekend has disappeared – just a few patches of cloud and maybe some showers here on the east coast. They'll all clear up by lunchtime, though. Over the next day or so, London and the area around Kent can expect a couple of isolated showers, but mostly dry through until Thursday.

It's not such good news for the north-west this week, I'm afraid: more wet weather, and not a lot of sunshine. Some of today's showers will be heavy – and even thundery in Manchester and across the Pennines. Leeds will escape the thunderstorms, with drizzle and light rain only throughout the rest of the day and tonight.

Elsewhere it becomes dry today, but with some foggy patches towards Wales. In England, tomorrow morning will see a dry, bright start in most places, with high temperatures throughout the week. We might see one or two thunderstorms appearing as the week goes on, with temperatures everywhere at 29 to 30 degrees.

By the weekend, unfortunately, the dry weather will make way for mostly cloudy skies and rain. The rain will move from Scotland, down towards the north and reach the south coast by Saturday afternoon. Temperatures, at least, will stay mostly warm at around 21 degrees for the weekend. It might feel like a nice change from the high twenties and early thirties we'll see in the week. That's all from me until tomorrow. Enjoy the mini-heatwave while you can!

Answers

Preparation task

1. d
2. c
3. a
4. g
5. b
6. e
7. h
8. f

Task 1

Rainy weather	Sunny weather
thunderstorms showers drizzle wet weather	bright a heatwave dry

Task 2

1. False
2. True
3. False
4. True
5. True
6. False