

Spotlight 10

weather



**'Rain, rain, go away
Come again another day.'**

What is the weather like today? – Какая сегодня погода?

the weather forecast – прогноз погоды

cold – холодно

warm – тепло

hot – жарко

cool (chilly) – прохладно, зябко

frosty – морозно

sunny – солнечно

clear – ясно

stuffy – душно

cloudy – облачно

partly cloudy – переменная облачность

grey (gloomy) – серо, пасмурно

windy – ветрено

breezy - тепло и умеренно ветрено

stormy – очень ветрено

calm (quiet) – тихо, спокойно

dry – сухо

wet – сыро, мокро

humid - влажно

muddy – грязно

rainy – дождливо

snowy – снежно

slippery – скользко

foggy – туманно

hazy - легкий туман, дымка

nasty – мерзко, скверно

a snowflake – снежинка

a rainbow - радуга

a hurricane – ураган

a flood – наводнение

showers - ливни

a drought – засуха

a thunderstorm – гроза

a thunder – гром

a lightning - молния

It's drizzling. – Моросит.

It sleets. – Идет мокрый снег.

It's freezing. – Заморозки.

It's pouring. – Льет как из ведра.

It's hailing. – Идет град.

It's overcast. – Небо затянулось тучами.

sunrise – восход солнца

sunset – закат солнца

a season – время года

spring – весна

summer – лето

autumn (fall) – осень

winter – зима

The temperature is 5 degrees above zero. –

Температура 5 градусов выше нуля.

The temperature is 10 degrees below zero. –

Температура 10 градусов ниже нуля.

1. To have one's head in the clouds – витать в облаках.

It's not so easy to move to the US as she thinks; she has her head in the clouds. – Переехать в США не так просто, как она думает; она просто витает в облаках.

2. To twist in the wind – переживать, колебаться, быть в неопределённом положении.

When the scandal broke, his business partners left him to twist in the wind.

3. Storm in a teacup – много шума из ничего, буря в стакане воды.

Donna and Jill are continually quarrelling, but it is usually a storm in a teacup.

4. To chase rainbows – гнаться за недостижимым.

My mother keeps telling me that I can't chase rainbows all the time and I need to grow up. But watch me! My life is wonderful. I adore it!

5. To weather the storm – справиться с неприятностями, пережить сложные времена.

That was the worst time of my life, but in the end I was able to weather the storm.

6. On cloud nine – на седьмом небе от счастья.

I'm on cloud nine when my favourite band performs.

7. To shoot the breeze – болтать о пустяках.

We were sitting in Hyde Park, shooting the breeze.

8. Under a cloud – под подозрением.
John has been under a cloud since his partner was murdered.

10. Lightning fast – молниеносный, очень быстрый.

I'm totally satisfied with this new OS. It's lightning fast and easy to use.

11. As right as rain – в полном порядке.

Linda was so tired and exhausted, but now she's as right as rain.

12. To have a face like thunder – быть мрачнее тучи.

When I came home, my mother had a face like thunder, so I knew I was in trouble.

13. To sail close to the wind – ходить по краю пропасти, сильно рисковать.

If you keep sailing close to the wind, you may lose everything.

14. To be under the weather – болеть, мучаться от похмелья.

I have my final exam today, but I'm not ready. So I'll tell my mom that I'm under the weather.

15. To throw caution to the winds – забыть об осторожности, отбросить сомнения.

Anna throws caution to the winds every

16. To snow under – перегружать (в основном работой), **to be snowed under** – зашиваться, быть перегруженным.

Don't snow under your employees, if you want them to be positive and productive.

17. The calm before the storm – тишина перед бурей.

It's just the calm before the storm till the kids wake up.


18. For a rainy day – на черный день.
My parents keep reminding me to have some money put aside for a rainy day.

19. In a fog – в замешательстве, как в тумане.

She came home in a fog and couldn't decide what to do.

20. Bolt from the blue – как снег на голову.

The news of her marriage was a bolt from the blue for everyone.

2  Match the proverbs/sayings (1-5) to their meanings (A-E). Are there any similar ones in your language?

- 1 It's raining cats and dogs.
 - 2 It never rains, but it pours.
 - 3 After the rain, comes the rainbow.
 - 4 Into every life, a little rain must fall.
 - 5 Every cloud has a silver lining.
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- A Even bad things have something good about them.
 - B It's raining heavily.
 - C Nobody can live happily all the time.
 - D When one bad thing happens, lots of bad things happen.
 - E Bad events are followed by happy events.

Answer Key

1 B 2 D 3 E 4 C 5 A

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1	<i>amazing</i>	5	<i>reading</i>	9	<i>guided</i>
2	<i>spending</i>	6	<i>beautiful</i>	10	<i>dancing</i>
3	<i>really</i>	7	<i>fantastic</i>		
4	<i>first</i>	8	<i>went</i>		

Postcard

- *play all kinds of video games: rainy day activity*
- *sitting and reading: rainy day activity*
- *sightseeing*

Email

- *doing lots of sunbathing and surfing*
- *went to a museum: rainy day activity*
- *going on a guided tour*
- *going dancing*

Other activities suitable for days when the weather is bad:

- *painting*
- *watching a film/going to the cinema*
- *playing board games*
- *listening to/playing music*

- Написать письмо по-образцу