Describing the world: weather and climate

VOCABULARY PRACTICE
PRE-INTERMEDIATE | A2-B1

Name: _____ Date: _____

1 Match each weather word with its meaning.

1 humid ____	**a** a prediction of future weather
2 drought ____	**b** a long period without rain
3 forecast ____	**c** not too hot and not too cold
4 mild ____	**d** damp and sticky, with a lot of moisture in the air
5 breeze ____	**e** a light, gentle wind
6 frost ____	**f** a thin layer of ice formed by cold weather
7 overcast ____	**g** cloudy, with the sky covered
8 downpour ____	**h** a sudden, heavy fall of rain
9 heatwave ____	**i** a period of unusually hot weather
10 temperate ____	**j** a climate without extreme temperatures

2 Choose the correct form.

1 It's very humid / humidly today.

2 The region suffered a drought / drought's last summer.

3 The weather forecast / forcast says rain.

4 We had mild / milder weather this winter.

5 A gentle breeze / breezes blew across the beach.

6 There was frost / frosts on the grass this morning.

7 The sky was overcast / over cast all day.

8 We got caught in a downpour / down-pour.

3 Complete the descriptions with words from the box.

breeze | downpour | forecast | frost | heatwave | humid | mild | overcast

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Monday: The 1 _____ says rain later, and the sky is already
2 _____ this morning.
Tuesday: It's very 3 _____ today, sticky and uncomfortable, but at least there's
a gentle 4 _____ from the sea.
Wednesday: A sudden 5 _____ soaked everyone on their way home.
Thursday: There was 6 _____ on the car windows this morning, but the
afternoon turned surprisingly 7 _____ for winter.
Friday: The 8 _____ continues, with temperatures well above average.

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4 Match each word with its opposite.

1 humid ____	**a** dry
2 mild ____	**b** overcast
3 sunny ____	**c** cold
4 calm ____	**d** stormy
5 warm ____	**e** cool
6 wet ____	**f** severe
7 clear sky ____	**g** windy
8 hot ____	**h** overcast sky

5 Read the text. Write T (true) or F (false).

An unusual week

The weather this week has been strange. On Monday, the forecast predicted mild temperatures, but instead we had a sudden heatwave. Tuesday was humid and uncomfortable, and a heavy downpour soaked everyone in the afternoon. By Wednesday, the sky turned overcast, and Thursday morning brought an unexpected frost. Friday finally felt calm, with a light breeze and clear skies.

1 The forecast predicted mild temperatures for Monday. T / F

2 Monday was actually cold. T / F

3 Tuesday had a heavy downpour. T / F

4 Wednesday was sunny all day. T / F

5 There was frost on Thursday morning. T / F

6 Friday was calm with a light breeze. T / F

6 Complete the sentences with the correct preposition (in, with, of, on).

1 It's humid _____ summer.

2 The day started _____ frost.

3 There's a chance _____ rain.

4 The forecast is _____ the news.

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OVER TO YOU

Write a 70-90 word description of the weather in your area over a typical week. Include changes and how they affect daily life.

[ ] Use at least eight target words. [ ] Use present tenses accurately. [ ] Keep the description clear and easy to follow.

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ANSWER KEY

1 Weather words

1 d 2 b 3 a 4 c 5 e 6 f 7 g 8 h 9 i 10 j

2 Choose the correct form

1 humid 2 drought 3 forecast 4 mild 5 breeze 6 frost 7 overcast 8 downpour

3 Descriptions

1 forecast 2 overcast 3 humid 4 breeze 5 downpour 6 frost 7 mild 8 heatwave

4 Opposites

1 a 2 f 3 b 4 g 5 c 6 a... note fix 6
1 a 2 f 3 h 4 d 5 c 6 a... note fix duplicate
1 a 2 f 3 h 4 d 5 c 6 a

5 Reading

1 T
2 F - there was a heatwave.
3 T
4 F - it was overcast.
5 T
6 T

6 Prepositions

1 in 2 with 3 of 4 on

Over to you

Answers will vary. Check clear organisation, accurate forms and appropriate wording.