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## Week 6 – Weather

Welcome to today's word list.

### Word List

**Voice: Female, Accent**

1. Temperature
2. Wind
3. Ice Storm
4. Dry
5. Cold Front

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Welcome to today's short passage.

### **Short Passage**

**Voice: Female, Accent**

Summer is something we usually all look forward to. The days become both warmer and longer, the sun shines, and the school holidays provide us plenty of time to go out and enjoy ourselves. Although sunny weather is very fun and we can spend more time outside, the sun's rays can harm our bodies. There are some things you will need to do to protect yourselves. You shouldn't look straight at the sun because it will damage your eyes. Additionally, you have to protect your skin from the sun's rays so that you don't get sunburned. Summer weather can vary, but if we are lucky, June, July and August will bring some warm sunny days.

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Welcome to today's long passage.

### **Long Passage**

**Voice: Female**

Weather forecasting is the application of science and technology to predict the state of the atmosphere for a given location. Human beings have attempted to predict the weather informally for millennia, and formally since the nineteenth century. Weather forecasts are made by collecting quantitative data about the current state of the atmosphere on a given place and using scientific understanding of atmospheric processes to project how the atmosphere will evolve on that place.

Weather forecasting now relies on computer-based models that take many atmospheric factors into account. Human input is still required to pick the best possible forecast model to base the forecast upon, which involves pattern recognition skills, teleconnections, knowledge of model performance, and knowledge of model biases.



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The chaotic nature of the atmosphere, the massive computational power required to solve the equations that describe the atmosphere, error involved in measuring the initial conditions, and an incomplete understanding of atmospheric processes mean that forecasts become less accurate as the difference in current time and the time for which the forecast is being made increases. The use of ensembles and model consensus help narrow the error and pick the most likely outcome.

There are a variety of end uses to weather forecasts. Weather warnings are important forecasts because they are used to protect life and property. Forecasts based on temperature and precipitation are important to agriculture, and therefore to traders within commodity markets. Temperature forecasts are used by utility companies to estimate demand over coming days. On an everyday basis, people use weather forecasts to determine what to wear on a given day. Since outdoor activities are curtailed by heavy rain, snow and the wind chill, forecasts can be used to plan activities around these events, and to plan ahead and survive them.

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