

## Погода, природные бедствия

### Weather and natural disasters

#### Vocabulary:

- Weather forecast – прогноз погоды
- Sun – солнце (*sunny* – солнечно)

*E.g. The sun is shining. Светит солнце.*

- Cloud – облако (*cloudy* – облачно)
- Rain – дождь (*rainy* – дождливо) *shower* – ливень
- Wind – ветер (*windy* – ветрено)
- Snow – снег (*snowy* – снежно)
- Fog – туман (*foggy* – туманно)
- Ice – лед (*icy* – ледяной)
- Frost – мороз (*frosty* – морозный)

*E.g. It's a sunny day in Tokyo today, but it's cloudy in Hong Kong.*

- Lightning – молния
- Wet – влажный, сырой
- Humid – влажный, сырой
- Dry – сухой, засушливый

*E.g. It can be very wet in London - carry an umbrella when you go sightseeing there.*

*It is very dry in the Sahara - it doesn't often rain there.*

- Cold – холод
- Hot – тепло
- Warm – тепло, жарко
- Freeze – мороз (verb: мерзнуть)

*E.g. It's very cold/hot outside. Снаружи очень холодно/тепло.*

*It's freezing outside. На улице так холодно.*

*It is very hot in Mexico - it is often 45 degrees there in summer.*

*It is very cold in the Arctic - it is often minus 50 degrees there.*

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| • Thunder – гром                | • Forest fire – лесной пожар |
| • Eruption – извержение вулкана | • Earthquake – землетрясение |
| • Landslide – оползень          | • Tsunami – цунами           |
| • Avalanche – лавина            | • Flood – наводнение         |
| • Storm – шторм                 | • Drought – засуха           |
| • Thunderstorm – гроза, буря    | • Blizzard – метель          |
| • Hurricane – ураган            | • Tornado – торнадо          |
| • Snowstorm – метель            |                              |

*E.g. A **hurricane** is a very strong wind.*

*A **storm** is when there is a strong wind and rain together.*

*A **thunderstorm** is when there is thunder, lightning, rain and sometimes wind together.*

### Expressions:

- *What is the weather like today? **Какая сегодня погода?***
- *What is the weather like in your country in July? **It's usually warm and sunny.***

**Упражнение 1.** Опишите какая погода в разных городах, опираясь на рисунок на картинке.



*E.g. It's foggy in Tashkent.*

**Упражнение 2.** Отметьте правдиво (True) или нет (False) высказывание. Если высказывание ложно, напишите опровержение.

1. When it's foggy, you need sunglasses. **False. When it's foggy you can't see very well.**
2. It's nice to sit outside when it's freezing.
3. If you're boiling, you might enjoy the swim.
4. A shower is a type of wind.
5. If it's chilly, you may want to put on a coat.
6. If it's humid, the air will be very dry.
7. A mild winter means it is colder than usual.
8. If it rains, the road will be wet.

**Упражнение 3.** Прочитайте текст и выполните упражнения после него.

### Natural Disasters

Every year different natural disasters happen on our planet:

Earthquake, Tornado, Landslide, Flood, Forest Fire, Avalanche, Hurricane, Volcano, Drought.

An **earthquake** is a sudden shaking of the ground caused by the movement in the fault system. The fault is a crack between two giant pieces of the Earth's crust.

A **tornado** is a very violent wind in the form of a funnel of air that spins at great speed. It usually happens in the USA.

A **landslide** is the movement of rock, debris or earth down a slope. They can be triggered by natural causes or by human activity.

A **flood** is the rising water overflowing onto a flat land. It is usually caused by heavy rain.

A **forest fire** is an uncontrolled fire that is wiping out large fields and areas of land. It is typically caused by a lightning strike or extremely dry weather.

An **avalanche** is a falling mass of snow. Avalanches always occur in the mountains.

A **hurricane** is a very violent wind or storm.

A **volcano** is a mountain with a hole called a crater in the top. Sometimes lava and gases are released from the crater.

A **drought** is a long period of dry weather when there is not enough water.

Natural disasters are very dangerous. They can damage the houses, destroy towns, kill animals and people. In all these disasters nature and people need help. Emergency workers are specially trained people who do their job during and after these types of disasters. Emergency workers such as doctors, nurses, firemen, water and gas workers do their job in difficult situations. Sometimes the police and army help too.

### **SURVIVAL TECHNIQUES:**

Earthquake and tornado:

- Don't panic
- Stay in the building
- Take shelter under a bed or table

Trapped in debris:

- Try not to move
- Use a whistle to signal your position

Fire:

- Cover nose and mouth with a damp cloth
- Stay close to the ground

Flood:

- Get rid of heavy clothes
- Go to the highest level of the building
- Turn off electricity to prevent electrocution

Lost in snowy mountains:

- Light a fire
- Let off flares
- Keep warm
- Jump up and down to improve your blood circulation

### **3.1. Соедините слово с его описанием:**

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| 1. An earthquake | 5. A flood      |
| 2. A hurricane   | 6. A drought    |
| 3. A tornado     | 7. An avalanche |
| 4. A volcano     | 8. A tsunami    |

a) \_\_\_ is a large amount of water which covers a place that is usually dry land

b) \_\_\_ is a sudden shaking of the ground

c) \_\_\_ is a very violent wind or storm

d) \_\_\_ is a very violent wind in the form of a funnel of air that spins at great speed

e) \_\_\_ is a mountain with a hole called a crater in the top. Sometimes lava and gases are thrown from the crater.

f) \_\_\_ is a long period of dry weather when there is not enough water.

g) \_\_\_ is a large amount of sea water, moving towards the coast

h) \_\_\_ is a heavy fall of snow and ice coming down a mountain

**3.2. Выберите правильный вариант ответа:**

1. *Tornadoes consist of*

a) large clouds and terrible sounds;

b) very strong winds.

2. *Bright flashes of lightning*

a) are seen from the distance;

b) blow down everything on their way.

3. *Tornadoes are dangerous because*

a) they occur in spring;

b) they destroy houses and pick up everything they can.

**3.3. Выберите правильный вариант ответа:**

1) Mountain Vesuvius in Italy is one of the biggest *volcanoes* / *hurricanes* in the world.

2) Somewhere in the world a *volcano* / *flood* erupts every two minutes.

3) The most powerful *tornado* / *earthquake* on record (9.3 on the Richter scale) occurred in Greece.

4) The city of Venice has been destroyed by *floods* / *fires* more than twice in its history.