

# WEATHER

## TASK 1: VOCABULARY

Listen and repeat the different kinds of weather. What is the weather like today?

Sunny    rainy    windy    snowy    cloudy    damp  
          icy    foggy    warm    wet dry  
Thunder and lightning    blizzard    heatwave

Complete the explanations correctly based on the word bank.

volcano    earthquake    avalanche    hurricane  
flood    wildfire    tornado    tsunami  
landslide    drought    famine

1. A \_\_\_\_\_ is a storm with very strong winds.
2. An \_\_\_\_\_ is a large amount of snow which falls down a mountain.
3. A \_\_\_\_\_ happens in hot weather when an area of forest is very dry.
4. A \_\_\_\_\_ happens when it rains a lot.
5. A \_\_\_\_\_ is a mountain that erupts and releases hot liquid.
6. An \_\_\_\_\_ makes the ground move.
7. A \_\_\_\_\_ is a very big sea wave.
8. A \_\_\_\_\_ happens when there isn't enough rain.
9. A \_\_\_\_\_ is a very strong wind that goes round and round.

## **TASK 2: READING**

Read and listen to the news report and answer the following questions.

### **SAVED BY AN MP3 PLAYER!**

Sophie Frost, a schoolgirl from England, felt very lucky when her grandmother gave her an MP3 player as a present. She didn't know just how lucky she was, however. When an unexpected accident happened a few days later, the MP3 player probably saved her life!

14-year-old Sophie was going for a walk with her friend, Mason Billington, when it started raining. The two friend took shelter from the rain under a tree and were sitting together when lightning struck. The lightning hit them both and they lost consciousness. Then Mason woke up and carried Sophie to the nearest road in order to get help. A car stopped and took them to hospital. Sophie had some burns on her chest and legs. She also had some damage to her eyes and ears but fortunately she quickly recovered.

How did Sophie's MP3 player prevent her from having serious injuries? When the accident happened, she wasn't listening to music on the player, but was wearing it around her neck. Doctors believe that the lightning travelled through the wire of the MP3 player instead of through Sophie's body. Even though she was lucky this time, one thing's for sure. The next time there's a storm, she and her friend won't sit underneath a tree!

**EXERCISE 1: Read the report again and put the events in order.**

- a) It started raining.
- b) Sophie went to hospital.
- c) Sophie and her friend went for a walk.
- d) Sophie's grandmother gave her a present.
- e) An accident happened.

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**EXERCISE 2: answer the questions.**

1) What did Sophie's grandmother give her?

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2) Where were Sophie and her friend when lightning struck?

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3) How did Sophie go to hospital?

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4) Where was Sophie hurt?

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5) Where was Sophie's MP3 player when the accident happened?

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6) What part of the MP3 player did the lightning go through?

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