

# Winter

What do I already know? I should know some weather words like sunny, windy, snowy, rainy and cloudy; I should know the names of some winter clothes like jumper, hat, scarf, gloves, coat and wellies.

## A poem to learn -

### Winter Time by Mary Ryer

Icy fingers and icy toes,  
Bright red cheeks and bright red  
nose.

Watch the snowflakes as they fall,  
Try so hard to count them all.  
Build a snowman way up high,  
See if it can touch the sky.  
Snow forts, snowballs, angels too,  
In the snow so white and new.  
Slip and slide and skate so fast,  
Winter time is here at last.



## Hibernation

Some animals hibernate during winter. Hibernation is a way for animals to deal with the coldness of winter and they curl up in a warm safe space.



A hedgehog hibernating

## Winter

Winter is the seasons that follows on from Autumn.

What changes happen during winter?

- Snow falls in the winter.
- Trees and plants stop growing.
- Leaves fall off the trees, leaving them bare.
- The weather gets colder.
- Nights are longer in winter.

## Important Words -

winter – One of the four seasons. It is the change from autumn into winter.

season – A part of the year when the weather changes.

change – To make or become different.

weather – What the sky and the air are like outside, such as cold and cloudy.

storm – A heavy fall of rain or snow often with strong winds.

hail – Small water drops that turn into ice and fall from the sky.

sleet – Rain containing some ice.

temperature – A measurement of how hot or cold something is.

thermometer – An instrument for measuring how hot or cold something is.

freezing – When water (liquid) is cooled, it changes to ice (solid). This change is called freezing.

melting – When ice (solid) is heated, it changes to water (liquid). This change is called melting.

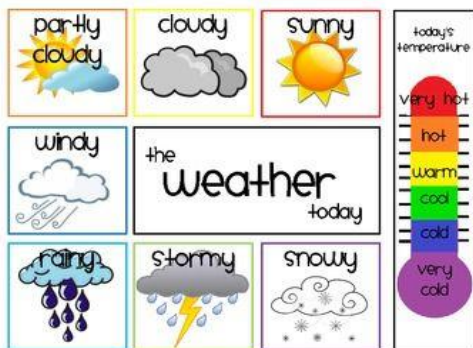
continent - A large solid area of land.

## Antarctica

Antarctica is a **continent** that is an icy desert. It has very little rainfall. Antarctica is the coldest and windiest continent on Earth.



This is a weather chart.

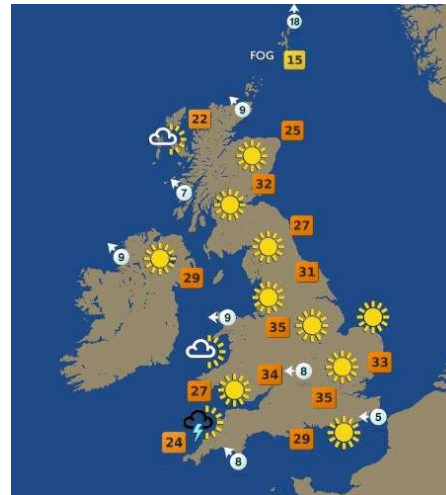


What is the weather like in winter?

# Weather

## Weather map

Here is an example of a UK weather map.



What is the weather like?

## Weather

There are many different types of weather. Some examples are sun, wind, rain and snow.

United Kingdom has a temperate climate. This means that the UK gets cool, wet winters and warm, wet summers.



A UK winter



A UK summer

## Some books to share

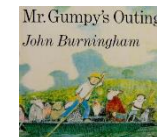
The Wind Blew – Pat Hitchens

Elmer and the Wind – David McKee

Mr Gumpy's Outing – John Burningham

Little Cloud – Eric Carle

See Inside Weather and Climate – Usborne



## Activities to do at home

Keep a weather diary to track the weather each day.