

Weather

British people are famous for moaning about the weather. Now you even get to do it in a different language...

Le temps — The weather

le climat	<i>climate</i>	<u>Il fait...</u>	<u>It is...</u>	pleuvoir	<i>to rain</i>
<u>Il y a...</u>	<u>It is...</u>	beau	<i>fine</i>	neiger	<i>to snow</i>
du vent	<i>windy</i>	mauvais	<i>bad</i>	ensoleillé(e)	<i>sunny</i>
du soleil	<i>sunny</i>	chaud	<i>hot</i>	nuageux / nuageuse	<i>cloudy</i>
du brouillard	<i>foggy</i>	froid	<i>cold</i>	sec / sèche	<i>dry</i>

'Pleuvoir' and 'neiger' are impersonal verbs that can only be used with 'il' — see p.90.



Tom was thrilled to be holidaying in Britain...

Il pleut.	<i>It's raining.</i>	<i>It's snowing. — Il neige.</i>
Le climat là est doux.	<i>The climate there is mild.</i>	
C'est nuageux et il pleut beaucoup.	<i>It's cloudy and it's raining a lot.</i>	<i>stormy — orageux overcast — couvert</i>

Grammar — il y a (there is)

'Il y a' (there is) is often used to discuss the weather. 'Il y aura' is the future form and 'il y avait' is the imperfect — both are useful for talking about weather.

La météo — The weather forecast

Question

Quel temps fera-t-il demain?
What will the weather be like tomorrow?

Simple Answer

Il va faire beau et chaud, mais il va pleuvoir le soir.
It will be fine and hot, but it will rain in the evening.

Extended Answer

Il fera beau le matin, mais au cours de la journée le temps deviendra plus nuageux et orageux. Il pleuvra en fin d'après-midi. Cela restera couvert le soir.
It will be fine in the morning, but during the day the weather will become more cloudy and stormy. It will rain late in the afternoon. It will remain overcast in the evening.

Demain, ça va devenir plus ensoleillé.
Le week-end, il y aura des éclaircies.
Ce sera orageux et il va neiger.
Il fera mauvais et froid. Il y aura des orages.

Tomorrow, it's going to become sunnier.
At the weekend, there will be bright spells.
It will be stormy and it will snow.
The weather will be bad and cold.
There will be storms.

*lightning — des éclairs (m)
thunder — du tonnerre
freeze — geler
showers — des averses (f)*

READING

My brain's gone a bit foggy after all that...

Read the weather forecast and decide whether each sentence is true or false.



- Ce matin, le temps **reste agité**¹ dans le sud-est, et il y aura des nuages orageux. Pourtant, cet après-midi, il fera plus beau et sec.
- Un peu de neige est attendu sur les Pyrénées au-dessus de 2000 m. Des averses orageuses et des coups de tonnerres se produiront dans le sud-ouest.
- En revanche, pour les régions au nord de Bordeaux, il y aura du brouillard le matin, et **un ciel**² ensoleillé l'après-midi.

¹remains turbulent ²a sky

- e.g. In the south-east, it will be cloudy and stormy all day. **false**
- It will snow in the Pyrenees above 2000 m. [1]
 - There will be showers and thunder in the south-west. [1]
 - It will be foggy all day in the regions north of Bordeaux. [1]