

Weather and Climate – Word List

- **accurate** = exact, correct
- **affect** = to have an effect on, influence, change
- **altitude** = the height of a place above the sea
- **annual** = yearly
- **approach** = to come nearer
- **arise** = develop, grow
- **atmosphere** = the mixture of gases around the earth
- **average** = normal, usual
- **axis** = the line around which an object turns
- **benefit** = it helps you or gives you an advantage
- **catch up** = to come from behind and reach someone or something in front of you by moving faster
- **cause** = lead to
- **common** = well-known
- **condition** = state, situation
- **consist of** = made up of
- **crop** = a plant such as wheat or rice that farmers grow and sell as food
- **cyclone** = tropical storm
- **data** = information
- **decrease** = go down, become lower
- **dense** = thick, heavy
- **depend on** = affected by other elements
- **desert** = area of land with very dry weather and little or no rainfall
- **develop** = are created, are formed
- **drizzle** = weather that is a combination of light rain and fog
- **droplet** = a small drop
- **equator** = line around the middle of the earth
- **especially** = above all
- **expand** = get bigger
- **factor** = element
- **fairly** = quite, rather
- **fog** = clouds that are near the ground; they are difficult to see through
- **forecast** = to tell what a situation will be like in the future
- **fuel** = here: the liquid that makes an airplane fly
- **gather** = collect
- **global** = worldwide
- **hail** = frozen raindrops that fall down as hard balls of ice
- **inaccurate** = not exact, not correct
- **latitude** = distance north and south of the equator measured in degrees
- **layer** = part, section
- **long term** = for a longer period of time
- **measure** = to find out the amount or size of something
- **meteorologist** = a person who studies weather conditions and the climate
- **moderate** = not too hot and not too cold
- **moisture** = small droplets of water on the air
- **monitor** = watch, observe
- **mountain range** = group of mountains usually in a line
- **nitrogen** = a gas that has no colour and no smell; it forms most of the earth's atmosphere
- **observe** = watch closely
- **oxygen** = a gas that is in the air and that we need to breathe
- **partly** = in part, somewhat
- **path** = route; the way something moves
- **pattern** = the regular way in which something happens
- **predict** = tell what will happen
- **radar** = machine that uses radio waves to find out where an object is
- **ray** = line of light from the sun
- **reach** = get to
- **record** = write down information and save it
- **refer to** = is about
- **rely on** = depend on ; need
- **rotate** = to go around an object
- **satellite** = a machine that is sent to space and flies around the earth at a great height
- **saturated** = full of
- **scientist** = a person who is trained in science and works in a lab
- **sea level** = the average height of the sea, used to measure mountains and other places
- **sleet** = half-frozen rain that falls when it is very cold
- **state** = condition
- **tailwind** = wind that is blowing in the same direction in which you are travelling
- **therefore** = that is why
- **thunderstorm** = storm with thunder and lightning
- **tilt** = to move towards
- **track** = follow
- **transmit** = send back
- **unpredictable** = changing a lot so that you never know what will happen
- **vary** = change, are different
- **water vapour** = very small drops of water
- **weight** = how heavy something is