

Unit 6 Vocabulary



Extreme weather

1 Complete the weather reports.

1

During last night's **tornado**, winds (1) b_____ at over 155 km/h. There were even reports of a (2) s_____ in the desert outside Las Vegas.

(3) L_____ struck several buildings and started fires, but no one was hurt. Sam Taylor, who lives in the area, was amazed. 'The storm completely (4) d_____ the school on the other side of my street, but it only (5) b_____ two windows in our house!'

2

After three weeks of extremely heavy rain, several towns have (6) f_____ this morning. Water has (7) d_____ hundreds of homes, and it will take months to repair them. There have been a number of accidents on the roads, but fortunately no one was (8) k_____.

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There has been a (9) h_____ in the south of the country, with temperatures over 35°C. It's hard to believe they were near zero in the (10) c_____ just three weeks ago. Hot or cold, we are still extremely short of rain. If we don't get a lot more next week, we will have (11) d_____ conditions, and will have to reduce water usage.

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In the coldest winter for years, there was a (12) b_____ last night which left over 1 metre of snow in many areas. (13) H_____ stones the size of golf balls have fallen on York, and (14) h_____ -force winds out at sea have made travel extremely dangerous.

Green architecture

2 Read the definitions and write the words.

Offices often use these to cover their windows, not curtains. **blinds**

- 1 You can get this fitted inside walls and in roof spaces, to stop warmth from escaping.

- 2 These are usually on the roofs of buildings. They point up at the sky, and absorb energy from the sun, turning it into electricity.

- 3 It's a good idea to have one of these in every room in very hot countries. It keeps the air moving, and helps to keep the temperature down inside. _____
- 4 These are becoming a popular way of generating electricity from the weather. You can see groups of them outside, in high and windy places. _____
- 5 These are the most common way of heating a home. Hot water or oil fills them, warming up the room. _____
- 6 These are long and thin and carry electricity from one place to another. _____
- 7 In dry countries, farmers often connect these from rivers to their land, to make their crops grow. _____
- 8 It's a window that is put into a roof, to let extra sunlight into dark spaces. _____
- 9 This is a large container to collect and store rainfall until it can be used. _____

3 What do the people need?

'It's so hot and sunny here, but our electricity bills are really high.' **solar panels**

- 1 'I can't connect my computer to the electricity supply!' _____
- 2 'My garden always gets too dry in the summer months, although it rains all spring.'

- 3 'We've converted our attic space to make an extra room, but it's so dark up there.' _____
- 4 'All of our heat is escaping through the roof!' _____
- 5 'We'd love to get central heating. It's so cold upstairs.' _____

Unit 6 Grammar ★★★

Present perfect simple

- 1** Complete the sentences. Use appropriate verbs in the present perfect affirmative or negative.

Sorry, I wrote you an email, but I ~~haven't sent~~ it!

- 1 Vicky _____ any new shoes, because she hasn't got enough money.
- 2 Jack _____ his homework, so he can go out now.
- 3 We _____ that CD. What is it like?
- 4 The train _____ the station yet. You can still catch it if you hurry.
- 5 It's raining, and she _____ her umbrella at school!

- 2** Write present perfect questions and short answers for the sentences in exercise 1.

Have you sent me an email? No, I haven't.

- 1 _____
- 2 _____
- 3 _____
- 4 _____
- 5 _____

- 3** Correct the mistakes.

I've leaved school.

I've left school.

- 1 Jack doesn't have found his phone.

- 2 I've became a teacher.

- 3 Has Polly won the competition?
Yes, she did.

- 4 They didn't taken any photos.

- 5 Helen have had her baby.

for, since, just, already and yet

- 4** Add one word from the box to the first sentence in each pair.

for since just just already yet

We've started the lesson. You haven't missed very much.

We've **just** started the lesson.

- 1 Dad has arrived home. He's much earlier than usual.

- 2 Has Tom emailed you? I know he will soon.

- 3 We haven't seen him ten years. We last saw him ten years ago.

- 4 Has she eaten nine o'clock? I know she ate something then.

- 5 I've cooked dinner. It's still hot.

Past simple / Present perfect

- 5** Complete the email. Use the past simple or the present perfect of the verbs.

Hi, Tania,
I ~~haven't seen~~ (not see) you for ages. Sorry I
(1) _____ (not write) for a long time.
Anyway, (2) _____ (you / hear) the news
about Jenny yet? She (3) _____ (get)
engaged last weekend! She (4) _____
(ask) Adam to marry her on Saturday night! Well,
they (5) _____ (be) together for five years
now so it isn't a big surprise. In fact, Jenny
(6) _____ (already / go) shopping for a
wedding dress! She (7) _____ (buy) one
last Friday! And Adam (8) _____ (just /
get) her a lovely ring.
See you at the engagement party!
Rob