

Ex. 1 Match phrasal verbs with their definitions

brighten up the sky will become lighter and the sun will start to shine

warm up become warmer

cloud over the sky will become covered with clouds

cool down become cooler

clear up it will stop being rainy or cloudy

pick up become stronger

Ex. 2 Fill in the blanks with the most suitable word

It will **brighten up** in the north of England tomorrow morning, but the sun won't last long and the region will soon **cloud over** again. Rain in the east will **clear up** later. An area of high pressure means it should **warm up** over the next few days in most regions, except in the far north, where it will actually **cool down** a little because of strong north-easterly winds. On the south coast winds will **pick up** during the afternoon, becoming strong by the evening.

Ex.3 Match the weather situation on the left with the most suitable consequence on the right.

1. We were snowed in. (**We couldn't even open the front door**)

2 We were flooded out. (**All our carpets were ruined**)

3 The rain didn't let up. (**We ate our picnic in the car**)

4 It cleared up later on. (**We went for a walk in the evening**)

5 A strong wind picked up (**Some trees got blown down**)

6 The match was rained off (**The teams were very disappointed**)

- Some trees got blown down
- All our carpets were ruined
- We ate our picnic in the car
- We couldn't even open the front door
- We went for a walk in the evening
- The teams were very disappointed

Ex. 4 Match phrasal verbs with their definitions

stopped or improved **let up**

had to leave a home or place because of a flood **flooded out**

rained heavily **poured out**

(noun) a very heavy period of rain (from the verb pour down) **downpour**

if an outside activity is rained off, it cannot start or continue because it is raining

rained off

become less strong and then ended **blown over**
were unable to leave that place because there was so much snow **snowed in**

Ex 5. Complete these sentences with a noun or phrasal verb from Ex 1, 4.

Downpour, warm up, brighten up, blow over, cool down, rain off, flood out

- 1 It rained heavily all day. I've never seen such a _____. (**downpour**)
- 2 It's been pouring down all day. I wish it would _____. (**brighten up**)
- 3 If the river breaks its banks the villagers will be _____. (**flooded out**)
4. No-one left their homes until the hurricane _____. (**had blown over**)
- 5 Because of the storms, a number of football matches _____. (**were rained off**)
- 6 It's too gloomy to take good photos now. Why don't you wait until it _____. (**clears up**)
- 7 It's very hot there in summer even at night it doesn't _____. (**cool down**)
- 8 It's been terribly cold but they have promised that it will _____. (**warm up**)