

SCENE 31 • GRAMMAR

Es regnet. Mir ist kalt.

Weather outside and how it feels

5 Exercises · Duration: 15 min.

The weather and what to wear

German

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Weather uses a subject

Use **es** in weather statements: **Es regnet, Es schneit, Es ist kalt.**

Keep the verb second after a time phrase too: **Heute regnet es.**

Sunshine uses **die Sonne** as its subject: **Die Sonne scheint.**

WEATHER PHRASES

Meaning	German
It is raining	Es regnet.
It is snowing	Es schneit.
It is windy	Es ist windig.
The sun is shining	Die Sonne scheint.
It is twenty degrees	Es sind zwanzig Grad.
It is warm / hot / cold	*Es ist warm · heiß · kalt.*

The weather and your own feeling

Es ist kalt describes the weather or surroundings. **Mir ist kalt** means I feel cold. Use a dative person for this feeling: **mir, dir, ihm, ihr, uns, euch, Ihnen.** The verb remains **ist**: **Ist dir warm?, Uns ist kalt.** The ordinary meaning of **Ich bin kalt** is not the feeling phrase you need here.

Inside and outside

drinnen means indoors and **draußen** means outdoors. They do not need an article. **Mikesch bleibt drinnen** describes where he stays. **Er geht nach draußen** gives his direction. For a season or a month use **im**: **im Winter, im April**.

GRAMMAR

G1) NOTICE THE USEFUL FORMS

Underline the marked grammar forms.

- 1 Heute regnet es.

Meaning: It is raining today.

- 2 Die Sonne scheint.

Meaning: The sun is shining.

- 3 Mir ist kalt. Ist dir warm?

Meaning: I feel cold. Do you feel warm?

G2) WEATHER OR A FEELING?

Choose the right word for the gap.

1 Heute _____ es.

- ☐ (A) regnen
- ☐ (B) regnet
- ☐ (C) regnest

Meaning: It is raining today.

2 Die Sonne _____.

- ☐ (A) scheint
- ☐ (B) scheinst
- ☐ (C) scheinen

Meaning: The sun is shining.

3 Es _____ zwanzig Grad.

- ☐ (A) hat
- ☐ (B) sind
- ☐ (C) ist

Meaning: It is twenty degrees.

4 _____ ist kalt.

- ☐ A Mir
- ☐ B Mich
- ☐ C Ich

Meaning: I feel cold.

5 Ist _____ warm?

- ☐ A dir
- ☐ B du
- ☐ C dich

Meaning: Do you feel warm?

6 _____ April regnet es oft.

- ☐ A Am
- ☐ B Im
- ☐ C Um

Meaning: It often rains in April.

G3) COMPLETE THE CONVERSATION

Fill the gaps with the words from the box.

regnet es sie

Heute _____.

Meaning: It is raining today.

scheint scheinen

Die Sonne _____.

Meaning: The sun is shining.

Mir Mich

_____ ist kalt. Ich brauche eine Jacke.

Meaning: I feel cold. I need a jacket.

drinnen warm

Mikesch bleibt _____. Draußen regnet es.

Meaning: Mikesch stays indoors. It is raining outside.

G4) PUT THE MESSAGE TOGETHER

Put the words in order.

- 1 die Sonne. scheint Heute

Meaning: The sun is shining today.

- 2 Ist kalt? Ihnen

Meaning: Do you feel cold (polite)?

- 3 schneit Im es Winter manchmal.

Meaning: It sometimes snows in winter.

G5) RESPOND TO THE SITUATION

Choose the right words for the situation.

- 1 **Greta asks whether you are cold. You are, and need a jacket. You say:**

- ☐ A Ja, es sind zwanzig Grad.
- ☐ B Nein, mir ist warm.
- ☐ C Ja, mir ist kalt.

- 2 **You see heavy rain outside and suggest taking an umbrella. You say:**

- ☐ A Es regnet. Nimm den Regenschirm mit.
- ☐ B Die Sonne scheint. Lass den Regenschirm hier.
- ☐ C Es ist heiß. Nimm eine Mütze mit.