

SCENE 31 • GRAMMAR

it's raining, it was sunny

Talking about the weather

6 Exercises · Duration: 20 min.

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Talking about the weather

English weather statements normally need **it** as a subject: **It's raining, It's sunny, It's cold.** This **it** does not refer to a named person or object.

Use present continuous for rain happening now: **It's raining.** Use present simple for a general pattern: **It often rains here.** A weather adjective follows **be**: **It's warm.**

For an earlier condition use **was**: **It was sunny this morning.** A temperature can be **twenty degrees, minus ten degrees.**

Form	Example	Meaning
It's	It's raining.	Describe rain happening now.
sunny	It's sunny today.	Describe sunshine with an adjective.
rains	It often rains here.	Describe a usual weather pattern.
was	It was sunny this morning.	Describe an earlier weather condition.
degrees	It's twenty degrees.	Give a temperature.
isn't	It isn't cold today.	Negate the current weather condition.

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GRAMMAR

G1) NOTICE THE PATTERNS

Underline the form described in this unit.

1 It's raining.

Meaning: Describe rain happening now.

2 It's sunny today.

Meaning: Describe sunshine with an adjective.

3 It often rains here.

Meaning: Describe a usual weather pattern.

4 It was sunny this morning.

Meaning: Describe an earlier weather condition.

5 It's twenty degrees.

Meaning: Give a temperature.

6 It isn't cold today.

Meaning: Negate the current weather condition.

G2) CHOOSE THE FORM

Choose the right word for the gap.

1 _____ raining.

- ☐ A Is
- ☐ B It's
- ☐ C There

Meaning: Describe rain happening now.

2 It's _____ today.

- ☐ A sunny
- ☐ B suns
- ☐ C sun

Meaning: Describe sunshine with an adjective.

3 It often _____ here.

- ☐ A raining
- ☐ B rains
- ☐ C rain

Meaning: Describe a usual weather pattern.

4 It _____ sunny this morning.

- ☐ A was
- ☐ B are
- ☐ C were

Meaning: Describe an earlier weather condition.

5 It's twenty _____.

- ☐ A degrees
- ☐ B degree
- ☐ C degreeing

Meaning: Give a temperature.

6 It _____ cold today.

- ☐ A doesn't
- ☐ B isn't
- ☐ C don't

Meaning: Negate the current weather condition.

G3) COMPLETE A SHORT MESSAGE

Fill the gaps with the words from the box.

It's Is

_____ raining.

Meaning: Describe rain happening now.

sunny sun

It's _____ today.

Meaning: Describe sunshine with an adjective.

rains rain

It often _____ here.

Meaning: Describe a usual weather pattern.

was were

It _____ sunny this morning.

Meaning: Describe an earlier weather condition.

degrees degree

It's twenty _____.

Meaning: Give a temperature.

isn't doesn't

It _____ cold today.

Meaning: Negate the current weather condition.

G4) BUILD USEFUL SENTENCES

Put the words in order.

- 1 It's sunny today.
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Meaning: Describe sunshine with an adjective.

- 2 It often here. rains
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Meaning: Describe a usual weather pattern.

- 3 sunny It this was morning.
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Meaning: Describe an earlier weather condition.

- 4 twenty degrees. It's
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Meaning: Give a temperature.

- 5 cold today. isn't It

Meaning: Negate the current weather condition.

G5) WHAT WOULD YOU SAY?

Choose the right words for the situation.

1 Describe rain happening now. You say:

- ☐ A Is raining.
- ☐ B It's raining.

2 Describe sunshine with an adjective. You say:

- ☐ A It's sunny today.
- ☐ B It's sun today.

3 Describe a usual weather pattern. You say:

- ☐ A It often rains here.
- ☐ B It often rain here.

4 Describe an earlier weather condition. You say:

- (A) It was sunny this morning.
- (B) It were sunny this morning.

G6) CONNECT MESSAGES AND MEANINGS

Match the pairs.

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| (1) It's twenty degrees. | (A) Negate the current weather condition. |
| (2) It's raining. | (B) Give a temperature. |
| (3) It isn't cold today. | (C) Describe rain happening now. |
| (4) It's sunny today. | (D) Describe sunshine with an adjective. |
| (5) It was sunny this morning. | (E) Describe a usual weather pattern. |
| (6) It often rains here. | (F) Describe an earlier weather condition. |