
This quiz is based on 'Ask about English':

http://www.bbc.co.uk/worldservice/learningenglish/grammar/ask_about_english/081007/.

1. What's another way of saying 'It's raining very heavily'?
 - a) It's chucking it down.
 - b) It's pouring.
 - c) Nice weather for ducks!
 - d) All of the above.

2. Which of these definitely means 'the temperature is below 0°C'?
 - a) It's bitterly cold.
 - b) It's frosty.
 - c) It's quite chilly.
 - d) It's freezing.

3. If a wind blows towards the South, what do we call it?
 - a) Northern wind
 - b) North, or Northerly wind
 - c) South wind
 - d) Southern wind

4. Talking about the weather, which of these is not always interchangeable with 'very hot'?
 - a) a heatwave
 - b) boiling
 - c) scorching
 - d) sweltering

5. Which of these is a type of wind?
 - a) shower
 - b) drizzle
 - c) downpour
 - d) none of the above

6. Thinking of the strength of a wind, which is the odd one out?
 - a) blowy
 - b) breezy
 - c) blustery
 - d) high winds

ANSWERS:

1. What's another way of saying 'It's raining very heavily'?
d) All of the above – this is correct.
2. Which of these definitely means 'the temperature is below 0°C'?
b) It's frosty – this is correct. The rest just mean 'it's very cold'.
3. If a wind blows towards the South, what do we call it?
a) and d) These expressions do not exist.
b) North, or Northerly wind – this is correct. This is a wind coming from the North and blowing towards the South.
c) South wind – this is not correct. This is a wind coming from the South and blowing towards the North.
4. Talking about the weather, which of these is not always interchangeable with 'very hot'?
a) a heatwave – this is correct. The rest are adjectives meaning 'very hot', while this is a noun meaning 'a period of extremely hot and dry weather that lasts for several days or even weeks'.
5. Which of these is a type of wind?
d) none of the above - this is correct. All of the above describe a type of rain.
6. Thinking of the strength of a wind, which is the odd one out?
b) breezy – this is correct. A breeze is a light wind; all the others describe rather strong winds.

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