

Worksheet

Wind, rain and snow

There are several different types of collocation. This worksheet focuses on the basic combinations.

► Activity 1

adjective + Noun

Find the entry for the noun *rain* in the *Macmillan Collocations Dictionary*. Look at the **adjective + Noun** section. Find the adjectives that match these definitions of different types of *rain*. The first letter of each adjective is given. Note that there are two possible answers for question 2.

1. heavy t _____
2. continuing for a long time p _____
 p _____
3. happening for short periods s _____
4. happening in some places p _____
5. light g _____

► Activity 2

Noun + verb / Verb + adverb

Look at the definitions shown at the noun and the verb *rain*. Find alternative words to replace the underlined words in these sentences

1. The rain arrived sooner than expected.

2. It rained continuously for three days.

3. It rained hard all night.

4. Once the rain had eased, we returned to the field.

5. The rain stopped and the hike home was easier.

► Activity 3

adjective + Noun

Look up the entry for the noun *snow* in the Dictionary. Complete the definitions for these collocations

1. virgin snow
snow where no one has _____
2. drifting snow
snow that is being _____
3. crisp snow
snow that is hard or _____
4. fresh snow
snow that is _____
5. melting snow
snow that is soft or _____

► Activity 4

adjective + Noun / Noun + verb

Look at the Dictionary entry for the noun *wind*. Check which of the underlined words can collocate with wind:

1. The wind battled / battered our windows for hours.

2. By evening the wind had dampened down / died down and we were able to leave.

3. There was a strong, blustery / blustering wind.

4. The prevailing / predominant wind here is from the south-west.

5. A bitter wind whimpered / whistled through the bare branches of the trees in the park.
