

What is the climate like in the UK?

British people are famous for talking about the weather - find out why that might be by following the link and answering the questions.

<http://projectbritain.com/climate.html#intro>

- 1) Where are the sunniest parts of Britain?
- 2) When was rainfall first recorded in Britain?
- 3) Our island is warmed by a current of the North Atlantic Ocean. What is the current called?
- 4) What is the average length of daylight in May?
- 5) The weather around Britain can be very different. Which parts get the heaviest rainfall?
- 6) Easterly winds tend to bring warm and dry weather to Britain. Which continents do these winds cross en route to our shores?
- 7) Impress Mrs Purdy when you see her by telling her what 'en route' means.
- 8) What is another name for the Gulf Stream? (Three words).
- 9) Celsius (centigrade) and Fahrenheit are two different scales we use to measure temperature. The temperature now is 12 degrees Celsius. What is that temperature in Fahrenheit?
- 10) What is the lowest temperature ever recorded in Wales? Where was it recorded?
- 11) What is the highest temperature ever recorded in Scotland? Where?
- 12) Wales tends to be cloudier than England for two main reasons. What reasons?

There is a lot of folklore and there are many sayings that are associated with the weather. A well-known one is:

'Red sky at night, shepherd's delight'

This means that red skies in the evening are a sign of good weather the following day.

Shepherds welcome good weather especially at this time of year because it means their sheep and lambs are more likely to survive and thrive.

There's another part to this saying - can you find out what it is?

How many weather sayings do you know? Can you find any more? Are they usually accurate?

Here's an example to start you off:

Cast ne'er a clout til May is out.

This is a topical one for us! If you know what 'clout' means it should make sense. But is it true?

See what you can find out, and I look forward to talking to you about it.