



Essential Question

How can weather affect us?



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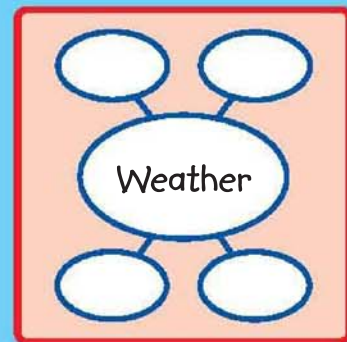
How's the weather? Turn on the weather report or look outdoors to find out. Is it sunny? Is it raining? It's important to know what the weather is. What's today's forecast? Warm and rainy with a side of fun.

- ▶ Weather is what is happening outdoors right now.
- ▶ It affects how we dress and what we do.
- ▶ Sometimes severe weather affects the way we live.

Talk About It



Write words you have learned about weather. Talk with a partner about how weather affects you.



Vocabulary

Use the picture and the sentence to talk with a partner about each word.



argue

James and his grandfather sometimes discuss movies and **argue** about them.

What are some words that mean the opposite of argue?



astonished

Tammy and Kim were **astonished** and amazed at the big bug they found.

What is another word for *astonished*?



complained

Ben **complained** about his dinner because he didn't like peas.

Tell about a time when you complained about something.



conditions

Mark's umbrella was ruined by the windy **conditions**.

What are the weather conditions today?



forbidding

This sign is **forbidding** us to swim in the pond.

Think of some words that mean the same as forbidding?



forecast

The weatherman says that the **forecast** today is sunny and warm.

Why do you look at a weather forecast?



relief

It was a **relief** that Mom found my dog, and he was okay.

Tell about a time when you felt relief.



stranded

Patricia was **stranded** at home during the rainstorm.

Why might you be stranded in bad weather?

Your Turn

COLLABORATE



Pick three words. Write three questions for your partner to answer.

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The Big Blizzard

An illustration of a woman with dark curly hair, wearing a blue dress with three buttons, looking down with a worried expression. She is standing in a room with a window showing a snowy blizzard. Two children, a boy and a girl, are sitting on the floor in front of her, looking up at her. The boy is wearing a dark jacket and the girl is wearing a green dress. The room has a floral patterned curtain and a wooden cabinet.

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Read how a blizzard affects the Hernandez family in New York City.



Rosa and Eddie Hernandez huddled close to the radio and listened carefully to the scratchy voice of the news announcer.

“The blizzard of 1947 is the biggest snowstorm in New York City history! Tremendous amounts of snow and terrible weather **conditions** caused the city’s subway system to shut down yesterday from Wall Street to Spanish Harlem. Parents are even **forbidding** their children to go outside because it is so dangerous. The weather **forecast** for today predicts that the snow will stop. In the meantime, Mayor O’Dwyer’s message to all New Yorkers is this: Help each other in the face of this disaster.”

“Oh, mamá!” whispered Rosa. “Will papá ever get home from work?”

Mamá gave Rosa a big hug. “He must be stuck at work and unable to get home,” she said. “He is **stranded**, but don’t worry. The snow is slowing down now, and I’m sure he will make it home soon.”

Mamá went into the kitchen to make lunch. She came out carrying her coat and scarf.

“We are out of milk and bread, so I need to try to get to Maria’s Market,” said mamá.

Rosa and Eddie jumped up and begged to go with her. Mamá had kept them inside for two days because it was snowing too hard to go out.

“No,” said mamá. “It’s too cold.”

Rosa and Eddie knew they shouldn't **argue** with mamá, but they were tired of being indoors.

"Oh please, take us outside! We can all go to the store together!" said Eddie.

"Okay," said mamá with a sigh. "But we have to stick together and stay close to each other."

Mamá helped Rosa and Eddie bundle up in their uncomfortable, but warm, wool clothes. When they got outside, they were **astonished** and amazed to find a wall of snow several feet high! Luckily, their neighbor Mr. Colón arrived with two metal shovels.

"Who wants to help dig out?" he asked.

Mamá, Rosa, and Eddie took turns shoveling snow. It was hard work, but no one fussed or **complained**. When they were done, they looked across the street. Maria's Market was still snowed in. Mrs. Sanchez, the owner, was trying to clear the snow with a small broom.

"Mr. Colón, may we borrow your shovels, *por favor*?" asked Rosa. "I think we need to give Mrs. Sanchez a hand."



Shoveling the walk in front of the store was easy. It was a piece of cake for Rosa and Eddie. They laughed and threw snowballs, too. Mrs. Sanchez was grateful for their help. “*Gracias*,” she said, and gave mamá milk and bread from her store as thanks.

As Rosa and Eddie crossed the snowy street with mamá to go home, they heard a deep, familiar voice.

“Is that my Rosa and Eddie?”

“Papá!” they shouted and ran over to him. Rosa told him breathlessly about how they helped Mr. Colón and Mrs. Sanchez.

“It is such a **relief** and a comfort to finally be home,” said papá. “I am so proud of you for helping our neighbors.”



Make Connections



How does the weather affect the Hernandez family? **ESSENTIAL QUESTION**

Tell about a time when you or your family helped out in bad weather. **TEXT TO SELF**