

# Useful language to talk about the weather

## *Some social comments about the weather*

### **Good weather:**

It's a nice day today isn't it?  
It's nice and warm today isn't it?  
It's beautiful weather isn't it?  
It's a lovely day isn't it?  
It's a glorious day isn't it?

### **Bad weather:**

It's a cold day today isn't it?  
It's horrible weather isn't it?  
It's a dreadful day isn't it?  
It's a terrible day isn't it?

## *Some useful phrases about the weather*

### **Fine weather:**

It was very cloudy in the morning, but then the sun came out.  
There was a gentle breeze on the beach.  
We had a heavy frost this morning, but then the sun came out.  
The weather was very humid and uncomfortable yesterday.

### **Bad weather:**

It was absolutely pouring down.  
It's pouring with rain outside.  
We had several showers today, some quite heavy.  
This rain won't last long; it's only a shower.  
We got very wet in the thunderstorm.  
Hailstones were battering the roof of our car.  
The sky is a bit overcast. I think it is going to rain.  
It's a very blustery day.  
There's been a gale warning.  
It was cloudy with a bit of drizzle.

# What do these weather words mean?

## Warm/hot weather

- **stifling** hot, uncomfortable, you can hardly breathe
- **muggy** very warm and a little damp
- **humid** hot and damp, makes you sweat a lot
- **scorching** very hot
- **mild** warm at a time when it is normally cold

## Wet weather

The wet weather scale gets stronger from left to right.

damp → drizzle → downpour → torrential rain → flood

- **drizzle** light rain
- **shower** short period of time
- **downpour** raining a lot
- **storm** high winds and rain together
- **thunderstorms** thunder and heavy rain
- **hailstones** small balls of ice falling from the sky

## Mist and fog

- **haze** light mist usually caused by heat
- **mist** light fog caused by drizzle
- **fog** quite thick
- **smog** mixture of fog and pollution

## Wind

- **breeze** very gentle wind
- **blustery** a strong wind
- **gale** a very strong wind

## Cold weather

- **chilly** quite cold
- **frost** thin white coat of ice on everything
- **sleet** rain and snow mixed
- **slush** dirty brownish half snow and half water

# The weather forecast

## KEY GUIDE

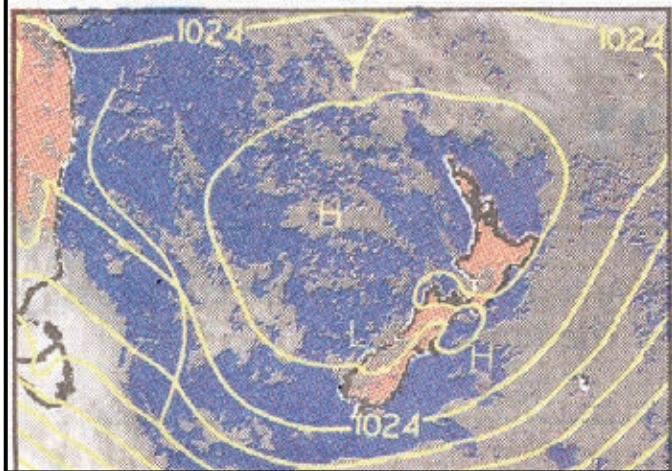


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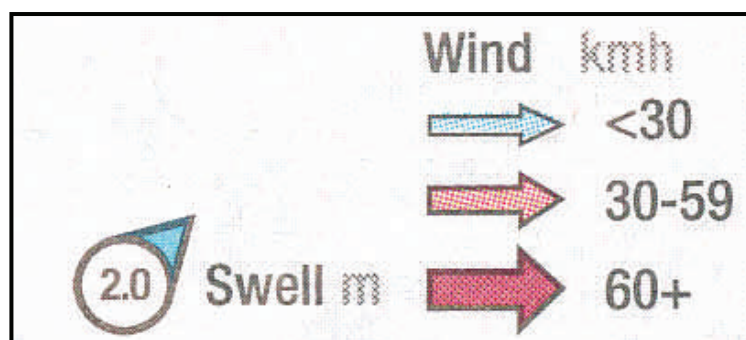
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## YESTERDAY 6PM



## TODAY MIDDAY





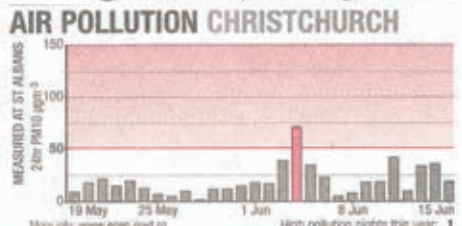
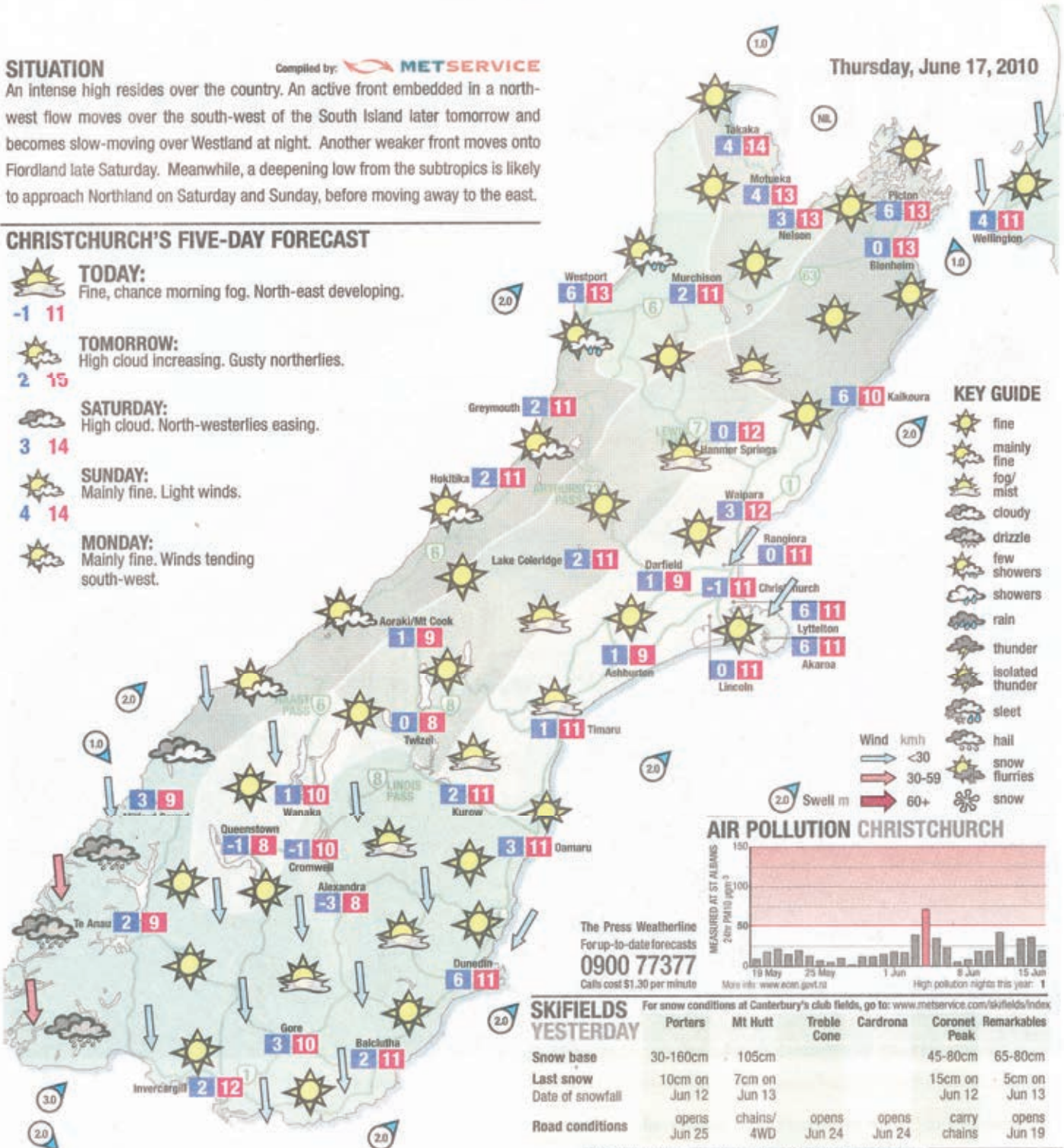
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## CHRISTCHURCH'S FIVE-DAY FORECAST

- TODAY:**  
 Fine, chance morning fog. North-east developing.  
**-1 11**
- TOMORROW:**  
 High cloud increasing. Gusty northerlies.  
**2 15**
- SATURDAY:**  
 High cloud. North-westerlies easing.  
**3 14**
- SUNDAY:**  
 Mainly fine. Light winds.  
**4 14**
- MONDAY:**  
 Mainly fine. Winds tending south-west.

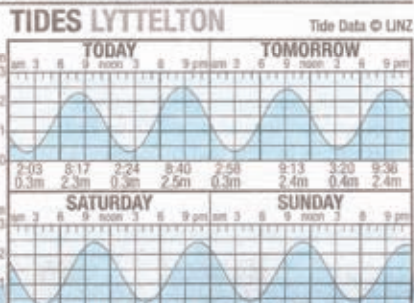
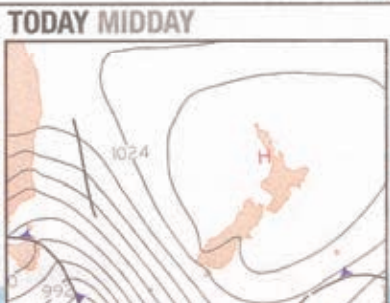
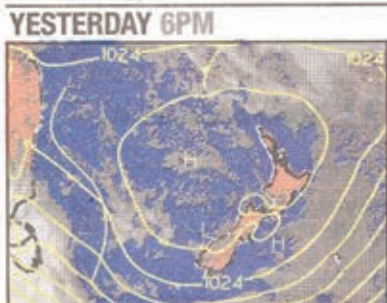


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For snow conditions at Canterbury's club fields, go to: [www.metservice.com/skifields/index](http://www.metservice.com/skifields/index)

SKIFIELDS YESTERDAY	Portara	Mt Hutt	Treble Cone	Cardrona	Coronet Peak	Remarkables
Snow base	30-160cm	105cm			45-80cm	65-80cm
Last snow	10cm on Jun 12	7cm on Jun 13			15cm on Jun 12	5cm on Jun 13
Road conditions	opens Jun 25	chains/4WD	opens Jun 24	opens Jun 24	carry chains	opens Jun 19

\* Note: Waimakariri Mouth tide times not from official tide data supplied by LINZ



**TIDES REGION**

TODAY	High
Akaroa	7:32am
Ashburton Mouth	7:28am
Cape Campbell	9:07am
Greymouth	2:03am
Havelock	12:39am
Hokitika	2:14am
Kaikoura	8:35am
Kaiteraki	12:54am
Motueka	12:47am
Nelson	12:53am
Pictou	12:15am
Rakala Mouth	7:31am
Rangitoto Mouth	7:13am
Timaru	6:58am

# Running Dictation: Understanding a weather forecast

## Master Copy

1. Stick several copies of the attached question sheet on classroom wall.
2. Working in pairs—Learner A reads a question & then returns to Learner B who writes the question down.
3. Continue in this manner until all questions have been dictated.
4. Both learners then look at the South Island weather map for Thursday 17 June 2010 and answer the questions.
5. The first pair finished is the winner.

1. What are the highest and lowest temperatures for Christchurch today?

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2. What is the direction of the wind in Christchurch today?

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## Learner A:

1. Read and remember Question 1 & then run back to Learner B.
2. Dictate the question to Learner B who will write the question down.
3. Return to the question sheet and read and remember Question 2, then run back to Learner B and dictate this question.
4. Continue until all the questions have been dictated to Learner B.
5. With Learner B look at the South Island weather map for Thursday 17 June 2010, and answer the questions you have dictated.

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## Learner B

1. Write down each question Learner A dictates to you.
2. There are 6 questions to write down.
3. With Learner A look at the South Island weather map for Thursday 17 June 2010, and answer each question in the space provided.
4. The first pair to answer correctly all the questions is the winner.

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