

# 7 NATURE

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### fog /fɒg/ Noun singular

*fog* is a thick cloud that forms close to the ground

Collocates: thick/dense fog | fog lifts/clears | fog comes down/descends

*thick fog* | *hopefully the fog will lift soon* | *we couldn't see anything through the fog*

Adjective: *foggy*

Collocates: foggy weather | a foggy day/morning/night  
*it was a cold and foggy morning*

- *brouillard*

## METAPHOR AND WEATHER

Many words are often used in different contexts but with a connection to their original meaning. This is true of many weather words. For example, *my mind's a fog*, *my memory's a bit foggy* (not clear or confused)  
*people flooded into the streets* (lots of people moved like a flood), *she was in floods of tears*, *we had a flood of letters*; *come under a hail of bullets / missiles / criticism* (attacked by lots of hard things);  
*the exam was a breeze* (light, easy); *the origins have been lost in the mists of time* (difficult to see / know) / *her eyes were misty* (almost crying); *lightning quick / lightning reactions* (fast and sudden); *a thunder of drums / the kids thundered down the stairs* (sound / move very loudly).

### thunder /'θʌndə(r)/ Noun singular

*thunder* is the loud noise that you hear in the sky during a storm

*a faint rumble of thunder* | *the thunder was getting louder*

Verb: *thunder* | Adjective: *thundery*

*did you hear it thundering earlier?* | *a thundery, purple-grey sky*

- *tonnerre*

### flash /flæʃ/ Noun

a *flash* of light is a very sudden and bright light which appears and then disappears very quickly

*there were incredible flashes of lightning* | *we saw a lightning flash before we heard the thunder*

Verb: *flash*

*lightning flashed across the sky*

- *éclair*

### come off /'kʌm ,ɒf/ Verb

when you *come off* a motorway, you move onto the special road for traffic that wants to leave the motorway. You say that a car *came off* the road if the driver lost control and the car went onto the pavement or side of the road

*you need to come off the motorway at junction 10* | *the roads were so icy we were lucky we didn't come off the road*

- *sortir*

### pass out /'pɑːs ,aʊt/ Phrasal verb

if you *pass out*, you become unconscious for a short time

*I thought I was going to pass out* | *he passed out with the heat* | *it nearly made me pass out*

- *s'évanouir*

### turn /tɜː(r)n/ Verb

you use *turn* to describe how the quality of something changes from one state into another

*it was so cold my lips turned blue* | *our beautiful friendship was turning sour* (we stopped being good friends) | *the leaves will turn brown in the autumn*

Noun: *turn*

Collocates: be on the turn

*the weather was on the turn* (was in the process of changing)

- *devenir*

### freeze /friːz/ Verb

when something *freezes*, it becomes hard because it is so cold. When people *freeze*, they get very uncomfortable because it is extremely cold. You can also say that you are *freezing* or that a place is *freezing* when it is very cold

*it's freezing in here* | *the water in the lake had started to freeze* | *put the heater on. I'm freezing*

Adjective: *frozen* | Adverb: *freezing*

*a frozen river* | *the weather was wet and freezing cold*

- *geler*

### soaked /səʊkt/ Adjective

if you get *soaked*, you become extremely wet

Collocates: soaked through | soaked to the skin

*I got absolutely soaked on the way* | *within seconds they were both soaked to the skin*

Verb: *soak* | Adverb: *soaking* | Noun: *soaking*

Collocates: soaking wet

*my shirt was soaking wet* | *I forgot my umbrella and got a soaking*

- *trempe*

**blow down** /'bləʊ ,daʊn/ Phrasal verb

if something is *blown down*, it collapses or is destroyed by very strong winds in a storm

*the storm blew down a tree which hit our house | the garage was blown down in the storm | we had to rebuild the shed after the wind had blown it down*

- renverser

**pull over** /'pʊl ,əʊvə(r)/ Phrasal verb

if you *pull over*, you drive to the side of the road and stop your car. If the police *pull you over*, they make you move to the side of the road and stop your car

*we had to pull over until the rain eased off | she signalled to us to pull over | Harris was pulled over on a routine traffic check*

- arrêter

**ease** /i:z/ Verb

if something *eases* or *eases off*, it becomes less severe

*the pain was beginning to ease | the snow's eased off slightly*

- calmer

**settle** /'set(ə)/ Verb

if snow *settles*, it stays on the ground when it lands and does not turn to water straight away

*the snow had started to settle | the roads were still clear but the snow had settled in the fields | overnight snow will settle on high ground*

- tenir

**skid** /skɪd/ Verb

if you *skid* while you are driving, your vehicle slides uncontrollably, for example because you have tried to stop too quickly when it is icy or muddy

*I was afraid we'd skid on the ice | the jeep skidded and slammed into the truck | if you feel the car skidding, lift your foot off the accelerator*

Noun: *skid*

*if you go into a skid, stop braking*

- patiner

**stuck** /stʌk/ Adjective

if you are *stuck* somewhere, you cannot get away even though you want to

*people got stuck in their cars overnight | we were stuck inside thanks to the rain | several vehicles became stuck in the snow*

- bloqué

**non-stop** /,nɒn'stɒp/ Adverb

if something happens *non-stop*, it continues all the time without a pause

Collocates: talk non-stop | drive/fly non-stop

*it continued non-stop for about a week | Stella's phone has been ringing non-stop all morning*

Adjective: *non-stop*

Collocates: a non-stop flight

*a non-stop flight from Heathrow to Chicago*

- sans arrêt

**sunshine** /'sʌnʃaɪn/ Noun

*sunshine* is bright light and warmth that comes from the sun when the weather is fine and there no clouds

Collocates: be in sunshine | bright/glorious/brilliant sunshine | warm sunshine

*the weather was wonderful with bright sunshine | sunshine streamed in through the windowse*

- soleil

**bounce** /baʊns/ Verb

if something *bounces*, it hits a surface and then goes back up in the direction it came from

*hailstones started bouncing off the car | the ball bounced off the edge of the table*

- rebondir

**windscreen** /'wɪn(d),skri:n/ Noun

a *windscreen* is a sheet of glass at the front or back of a car that the driver can see through

Collocates: a shattered/broken/cracked windscreen | a front/rear windscreen

*the hailstones were so hard they nearly broke the windscreen | you'll have to replace the windscreen*

- pare-brise

**heavens** /'hev(ə)nz/ Noun plural

if you talk about the *heavens*, you are referring to the sky

Collocates: the heavens open

*seconds later, the heavens opened and it started pouring with rain | the heavens darkened and the rain came down*

- ciel

**empty** /'empti/ Verb

to *empty* a container means to take everything out of it. If you *empty* the contents of a container, you take them all out  
*she emptied a bucket of water over the two dogs | you can buy lots of these earrings without emptying your wallet (without spending all the money that you have)*

- vider

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### **civilised** /ˈsɪvəlaɪzd/ Adjective

people or places that are *civilised* show culture and good standards of behaviour because they belong to an advanced and well developed society

*a highly civilised society | let's talk about this in a civilised way | without these rules, civilised life would be impossible*

Noun: *civilisation* | Opposite – Adjective: *uncivilised*  
*modern civilisation is built upon cooperation*

- *civilisé*

### **contest** /kən'test/ Verb

to *contest* something means to say officially that you do not agree with it or think it is wrong

Collocates: *contest a will*

*the will is being contested | they plan to contest the decision | he contested the validity of the wedding ceremony*

- *contester*

### **dare** /deə(r)/ Noun

a *dare* is something difficult or dangerous that you do because someone has challenged you to do it

Collocates: *do something for a dare*

*I tried eating them for a dare | he challenged me to a dare*

Verb: *dare*

Collocates: *dare someone to do something*

*I dare you to call him now*

- *défi*

### **intimidation** /ɪnˌtɪmɪˈdeɪʃ(ə)n/ Noun

*intimidation* is behaviour that deliberately tries to frighten someone, often in order to make them do something they do not want to do

*they endured years of intimidation | using various intimidation tactics*

Verb: *intimidate* | Adjective: *intimidating*

Collocates: *intimidate someone into doing something*

*they tried to intimidate him into confessing | he was a large dog, and very intimidating*

- *intimidation*

### **spark** /spɑ:(r)k/ Verb

to *spark* something violent or extreme means to cause it  
*the speech sparked a heated debate | what sparked this explosion of anger?*

- *provoquer*

### **insight** /ˈɪnsaɪt/ Noun

an *insight* is a clear way of understanding something

Collocates: *insight into something*

*research will provide invaluable insights | she's got a lot of insight into this problem*

Adjective: *insightful*

*she writes a highly insightful blog*

- *regard*

### **inheritance** /ɪnˈherɪt(ə)ns/ Noun

your *inheritance* is money that you get from someone after they die

Collocates: *claim an inheritance | receive an inheritance*

*he received a small inheritance from his father | she accused him of trying to steal her inheritance*

Verb: *inherit*

*his only daughter inherited his land*

- *héritage*

### **initial** /ɪˈnɪʃ(ə)l/ Adjective

an *initial* idea or action is one that comes at the beginning of a situation, and which later changes

*the initial ban was introduced in 2006 | the police made an initial breakthrough | the initial stages of the illness*

Adverb: *initially*

*the company was quite successful initially*

- *initial*

### **amidst** /əˈmɪdst/ Preposition

if something happens *amidst* other events, feelings, or activities, it happens with those things happening all around at the same time. To be *amidst* people means to have people all around you. *Amidst* is a literary word, and the usual word is *amid*

*he resigned amidst allegations of corruption | living amidst his family*

- *parmi*

### **root** /ru:t/ Noun

the *roots* of a plant are the parts under the ground that send food up to the plant above the ground. The *roots* of a person or a tradition are the place, culture, and family that they come from

Collocates: *go back/return to your roots*

*an art form that has deep roots in Spanish history | he wanted to return to his Irish roots*

Adjective: *rooted*

*these ceremonies are rooted in centuries-old tradition*

- *racine*

**ensure** /ɪnʃʊː(r)/ Verb

to *ensure* that something happens means to make certain that it happens

Collocates: ensure that something happens

*tax breaks have ensured low ticket prices | precautions to ensure the safety of all passengers*

- garantir

**bravery** /'breɪvəri/ Noun uncount

*bravery* is the quality and behaviour involved in being brave

Collocates: show/display bravery

*he was awarded a medal for exceptional bravery | they have shown extraordinary bravery and determination*

Adjective: *brave* | Adverb: *bravely*

Collocates: fight/battle/struggle bravely

*it was an incredibly brave thing to do | he fell bravely defending his country*

- courage

**cruel** /'kruːəl/ Adjective

an activity that is *cruel* causes unnecessary suffering to people or animals. If people are *cruel*, they deliberately cause suffering to other people or animals

*many people think bullfighting is cruel | how selfish and cruel she had been*

Noun: *cruelty* | Adverb: *cruelly*

*the public does not tolerate animal cruelty (cruel treatment of animals) | he was treated cruelly by the other students there*

- cruel

**poll** /pɒl/ Noun

a *poll* is an activity in which a large number of people are asked what they think about something or how they will vote in an election. You can also refer to the elections that take place when a country chooses a new government as the *polls*

Collocates: an opinion poll

*the results of a recent opinion poll | the poll found that neither candidate was popular among voters*

Verb: *poll*

*43% of voters polled were undecided*

- sondage

**breeder** /'briːdə(r)/ Noun

a *breeder* is someone who keeps animals and produces and sells young animals

*a dog breeder | he came from a rich family of cattle breeders*

Verb: *breed* | Noun: *breed*

*they breed cattle on the farm | a very popular breed of dog (particular type of dog)*

- éleveur

**subsidy** /'sʌbsədi/ Noun

a *subsidy* is an amount of money that a government pays in order to help a producer sell goods at a lower price and still have a profit

*an agricultural subsidy | subsidies from the European Union*

Verb: *subsidise*

Collocates: heavily subsidise something

*Ontario has subsidised solar power energy*

- subvention

**leave** /li:v/ Verb

if you *leave* money, property, or possessions to someone, you give official instructions that they should have the money, property, or possessions after you die

Collocates: leave someone something | leave something to someone

*her parents had left everything they owned to the RSPCA | he uncle left her a house and £20,000*

- léguer

**matter** /'mætə(r)/ Noun

a *matter* is a problem or an issue that people cannot agree about

*they hope the matter can be settled quickly | we'll discuss the matter at our meeting tomorrow*

- question

**settle** /'set(ə)l/ Verb

if you *settle* a problem or dispute, you find an acceptable solution to it

Collocates: settle a claim/dispute/matter

*they hope the matter can be settled quickly | her insurance claim was finally settled for £800 | find a peaceful way to settle the dispute*

- régler

**found** /faʊnd/ Verb

to *found* an institution means to start it and provide the money it needs to become established

*the RSPCA was founded in 1824 | the company was originally founded in 1923*

Noun: *founder*

*his grandfather was one of the founders of the organisation*

- fonder

**involvement** /ɪn'vɒlvmənt/ Noun uncount  
 someone's *involvement* in an activity is the fact of their taking part in it  
 Collocates: involvement in something  
*he denied any involvement in the robbery | her continued involvement is due to her strong belief in the project*  
 Verb: *involve* | Adjective: *involved*  
*you shouldn't involve yourself in these matters*

- *participation*

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**variety** /və'raɪəti/ Noun  
 a *variety* of something, especially a plant, fruit, or vegetable, is a particular type of it  
*we grow different varieties of tomato | choose organically grown varieties whenever possible*

- *variété*

**curse** /kɜ:(r)s/ Verb  
 to *curse* someone or something means to say words that are deliberately intended to cause something bad to happen to them by magic  
*she thought I was cursing her | it was possible to curse an enemy through a spoken word | it is highly unlikely you have been cursed*  
 Noun: *curse*  
 Collocates: put/place a curse on someone or something | lift a curse  
*an old woman placed a curse on Serena and her family*

- *maudire*

**funeral** /'fju:n(ə)rəl/ Noun  
 a *funeral* is the ceremony that takes place when someone who has recently died is put into the ground, or when their body is burned  
 Collocates: hold a funeral | attend a funeral | a state funeral  
*her funeral will be held on Wednesday | her funeral was attended by 150 family and friends*  
 Adjective: *funeral*  
 Collocates: a funeral service  
*the funeral service was simple and moving*

- *enterrement*

**pick** /pɪk/ Verb  
 if you *pick* fruit or vegetables or flowers, you take them from the plant that they are growing on so that you can eat them or show them indoors  
*we're going to pick mushrooms this afternoon | freshly picked tomatoes | pick and wash the herbs and then chop finely*

- *ramasser / cueillir*

**misunderstanding** /,mɪsʌndə(r)'stændɪŋ/ Noun  
 a *misunderstanding* is a wrong or mistaken idea about something  
 Collocates: a total/complete/slight/common/genuine misunderstanding  
*it was all a complete misunderstanding | I can see how this misunderstanding arose*  
 Verb: *misunderstand* | Adjective: *misunderstood*  
*I misunderstood the doctor's instructions | Powell was a much misunderstood politician*

- *méprise*

**awkward** /'ɔ:kwə(r)d/ Adjective  
 an *awkward* social situation is one in which people feel embarrassed because they think something is wrong but they do not know exactly what  
*there was a bit of an awkward silence | there was an awkward moment when he mentioned Jack's ex-wife*

- *délicat*

**gather** /'gæðə(r)/ Verb  
 to *gather* things means to collect them. To *gather* crops means to take them from the fields or places where they are growing and bring them indoors to be stored or eaten  
*we're off to gather mushrooms | the police are still gathering evidence | he hastily gathered his things together and left*

- *ramasser / cueillir*

**lethal** /'li:θl/ Adjective  
 something that is *lethal* can kill someone  
*some mushrooms can be lethal | colder temperatures can also prove lethal for the elderly | he suffered a lethal blow to the head*  
 Adverb: *lethally*  
*the edge of the knife was lethally sharp*

- *mortel*

**rot** /rɒt/ Verb  
 if something *rots*, it decays through natural processes  
*too much water will rot the roots | the fruit was rotting in the bowl | the old wood had rotted*  
 Noun: *rot* | Adjective: *rotting* | Adjective: *rotten*  
*the house was full of damp and rot | the smell of rotting food | a strong smell of rotten eggs*

- *pourrir*

**settle** /'set(ə)/ Verb  
 if something *settles* your stomach, it stops your stomach feeling uncomfortable and likely to make you sick  
*it will settle your stomach | after I'd had the tea, my stomach settled*

- *apaiser*

**root** /ru:t/ Noun

the *roots* of a plant are the parts under the ground that send food up to the plant above the ground

*the vine has put down strong roots | a tree with an extensive root system*

- *racine*

**plant** /pla:nt/ Noun

a *plant* is a living thing such as a tree or bush that grows out of the ground. If you *plant* something in the ground, you put seeds or a young plant in the earth so that a plant will grow. If someone *plants* a bomb or other device, they leave it there so that it will explode at a later time

*none of the other plants can survive here | house plants (plants that you grow in pots inside your home)*

Verb: *plant*

*we planted corn and barley (put seeds into the ground so that corn and barley plants would grow) | terrorists had planted a bomb inside the cinema*

- *plante*

**blossom** /'blɒs(ə)m/ Noun

*blossom* is the flowers that grow on trees before the fruit develop. When a tree *blossoms*, it has blossom on its branches. If a person *blossoms* or if their career *blossoms*, they become happy and successful

Collocates: be in blossom | blossom comes out

*the cherry trees are in blossom | beautiful pink blossom*

Verb: *blossom*

*since she won an Oscar her career has blossomed*

- *fleur*

**stem** /stem/ Noun

a *stem* is the long thin part of a plant that a flower grows on. If something *stems* from something else, it has that other thing as its origin

*cut the stems before you put the flowers in the vase | the stems can grow up to 60 cm*

Verb: *stem*

Collocates: stem from something

*weight problems often stem from a poor diet*

- *tige*

**stormy** /'stɔ:(r)mi/ Adjective

*stormy* weather is when there is a lot of heavy rain and wind. If people's relationships are *stormy*, there is a lot arguing and disagreement

Collocates: stormy weather | a stormy relationship

*the night was stormy and very cold | their relationship was stormy from the day they married*

Noun: *storm*

*the storm raged all night*

- *orageux*

**flood** /flʌd/ Noun

a *flood* is an occasion when large amounts of water pour into an area, for example after there has been a lot of very heavy rain or if a water pipe bursts. If you get *floods* of something unwanted, a large quantity of it arrives

*the village was cut off by floods | the flood water rose rapidly overnight*

Verb: *flood*

*thousands of homes are now flooded | his inbox is flooded with more than 200 emails per day*

- *inondation*

**seed** /si:d/ Noun

a *seed* is a small part of a plant that grows into a new plant when it is in the soil. If you talk about a *seed* or the *seeds* of something, you are talking about the start of a new process or development

Collocates: sow/scatter seeds

*I bought some seeds to grow some herbs in my kitchen | they are sowing the seeds of unrest*

- *graine*