



SNOW



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What are your earliest/happiest memories of snow?

Do you like snow? Why?/why not?

What fun things can you do in the snow?

Do you ever want to make a snow angel?

Which would / do you prefer – snow boarding or skiing?

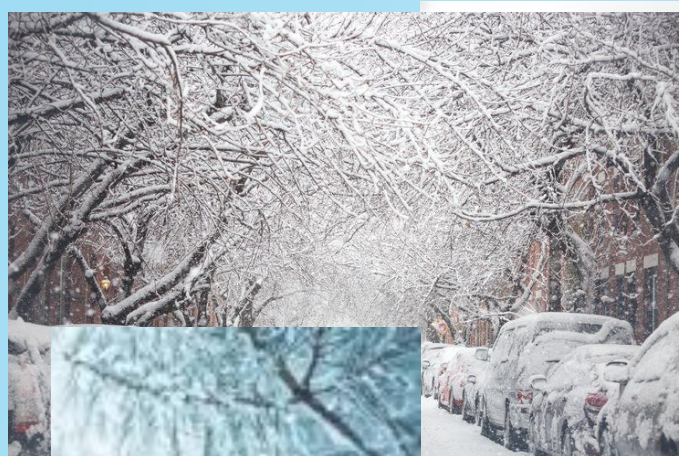
Which is more fun, having a snowball fight or making a snowman?

Would you prefer to live in a snowy place or a very hot place?

More questions <https://esldiscussions.com/s/snow.htm>

More winter vocabulary <https://quizlet.com/366088679/winter-weather-vocabulary-intermediate-advanced-esl-efl-elt-flash-cards/>

Winter clothing upper-intermediate <https://quizlet.com/366207039/winter-clothes-b2-upper-intermediate-flash-cards/>



PART 1. TALKING ABOUT SNOW

LEXICALLY AND WITH HUGH DELLAR

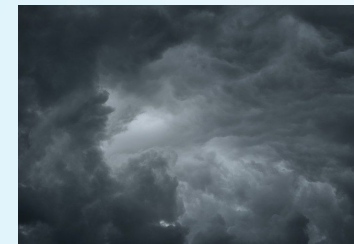
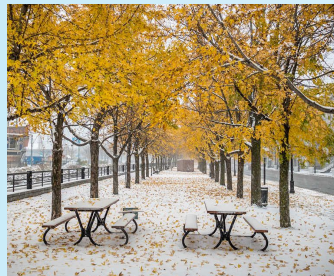




1) **DESCRIBE** WHAT YOU CAN SEE IN THE PICTURES.

2) **PUT PICTURES IN ORDER** AS YOU LISTEN TO HUGH DELLAR SPEAK ABOUT THE SNOW. DO NOT WORRY, THERE COULD BE MORE THAN ONE SUITABLE PICTURE FOR SOME IDEAS [HTTPS://YOUTU.BE/MFJCGTG2_MY](https://youtu.be/MFJCGTG2_MY)

3) TRY TO **RECALL** THE EXACT PHRASES THAT MADE YOU CHOOSE THE PICTURES. IF YOU CAN'T, GO TO THE NEXT SLIDE, AND GET BACK TO THE PICTURES LATER.





GUESS THE MISSING WORDS.
THEN LISTEN TO HUGH DELLAR AND CHECK

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- ❖ it was the _____ snow of the year, the _____ snow for quite a long time
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- ❖ by the time my kids got to bed, it was _____ down _____ and fast
- ❖ they went to bed very excited dreaming of _____ snowmen and
_____ snowball _____
- ❖ when they woke up this morning and found that the snow had all g_____
- ❖ it hadn't _____
- ❖ this snow didn't _____, instead it all _____ away overnight

GUESS THE MISSING WORDS (FIRST LETTERS GIVEN).

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TURN = BECOME

What else can **turn gray**?

When do the **leaves turn yellow** and **brown**?

Can you think of the typical situations when people's **faces can turn red/pale/white**?

What do people usually do if **the weather** suddenly **turns cold /nasty / wet/ warmer**?

You might need some of these words to answer the questions.

<https://quizlet.com/62135r>

TURN. KEY

What else can turn gray?

[Here is why Rishi Kapoor's hair turned grey overnight](#)

[How to Fix a Computer Screen That Turned Grey](#)

[Why have my eyes turned grey? - Quora](#)

[baking - My soufflé turned grey - Seasoned Advice](#)

[My ocean turned grey - Unreal Engine Forums](#)

[Sarah Phelps on Twitter: "my mushroom risotto has turned grey like a ..."](#)

[Why Does Hair Turn Gray at a Young Age? - The New York Times](#)

When do the leaves turn yellow and brown?

In the autumn/in the fall.

(you can also say: the leaves are turning.)

The trees are turning; the weather's getting cooler; Pumpkin Spice Lattes are back—it's fall!

<https://www.merriam-webster.com/words-at-play/autumn-vs-fall>

Can you think of the typical situations when people's faces can turn red/pale/white?

Red: when they are angry/ embarrassed/
when the weather is cold and the cheeks turn red/ in the sauna

Pale: scared/ ill / do not eat enough healthy foods / when they starve / when they hear some bad news

White: scared to death

What do people usually do if the weather suddenly turns cold /nasty / wet/ warmer?

Cold/nasty: Turn/pull the collar up, put on gloves/hats/beanies, get muffled up against the cold, get muffled up in coats and scarves, put on an anorak/a coat, drink hot tea/whiskey/hot chocolate, etc.

Wet: put on rubber boots and a raincoat, get an umbrella or a waterproof coat/boots, etc.

Warmer: take off your hat, unwind [-waind] your scarf, take off your jacket, etc.

A LIGHT/THICK BLANKET OF ...

Look at the dictionary examples (on the right) for the word 'blanket' in the meaning of 'a thick covering mass or layer'.

Where/when are you likely to see such blankets?

How do people generally react when they see a thick blanket of smoke/snow/fog?

What measures do people take to be safe in these situations?

How do drivers/cyclists/pedestrians feel about these situations?

'The sky was completely covered by **a thick blanket of clouds.**'

everything was shrouded in **a thick blanket of mist.**'

a thick blanket of smoke hangs in the air.

it quickly got dark inside the forest, under **the thick blanket of leaves.**'

'The sky was gray, **a blanket of clouds** hanging in the sky

A thick blanket of snow coated the earth

We drove into **a thick blanket of fog**, and everything was lost.

KEY FOR LISTENING

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by the time we got home there was a light blanket of snow in the streets

by the time my kids got to bed, it was coming down thick and fast

they went to bed very excited dreaming about making snowman and having snowball fights

so you can imagine how much a disappointment it was when they woke up this morning and found that the snow had all gone

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this snow didn't settle, it all melted away overnight

PART 2. SNOW HATERS



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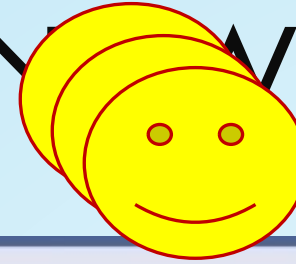
Why do some people hate snow?

Can snow be dangerous?

What do you think about: sleet and slush / de-icers (“salt”) in the streets / snowplows / shoveling snow / snow clogged traffic / frostbites / getting muffled up / black ice / slippery roads / being snowbound = trapped in snow / snow and icicles on the roofs / clearing snow from the streets ?



DO THEY LOVE OR HATE SNOW? PUT OR



trlhiker

Location: Eastern NC
18,092 posts, read 16,618,330 times
Reputation: 15930

Those who don't like it are the ones who still have to go to work no matter how much they get. I personally hate driving in snow but would love to retire to a very snowy area.

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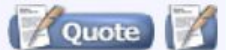
Status: "Done with the 100s (hopefully)?" (set 22 days ago)

Location: East Central Phoenix
5,411 posts, read 8,293,761 times
Reputation: 5760

Snow is nice when you're a child and can play in it. When you're an adult, it become tedious having to shovel it and try to commute in it. When I was much younger, I used to be envious of the places that received snow, because having grown up in Phoenix, the most snow we ever received came as flurries, and even that was a rare event. But when I see the mess it creates in other parts of the country in terms of flight cancellations, highways shut down for days, everyday business on hold, people being trapped in their homes, serious accidents, and even deaths, I'm GLAD I don't live in a snowy region.

In fact, I feel somewhat fortunate living in Arizona because it hardly ever snows in Phoenix ... thus, nothing is canceled or delayed in terms of normal day to day business. However, if I want to see snow, I can drive about two hours to the north or east & be in a winter wonderland.

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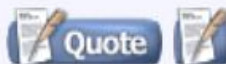


ilovemycomputer90

Location: New Jersey
15,044 posts, read 13,095,907 times
Reputation: 6419

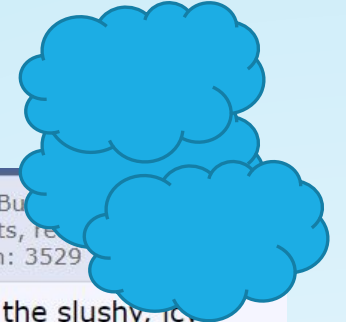
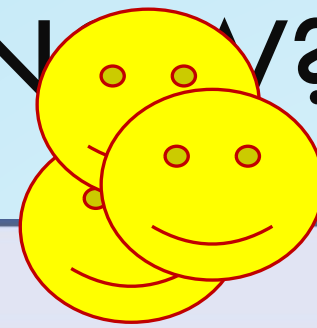
Despite having to constantly shovel and drive in winter weather, I still would rather deal with it than scorching summers. However I will admit, when I own my home, I'm sure I won't enjoy looking at the heating bill. [Another](#) reason to keep the [thermostat](#) extra low. 😊

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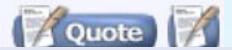
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7,032 posts, re
Reputation: 3529

I can quite happily live without it. Maybe a [novelty](#) to see it fluttering from the sky and the fresh virgin snow accumulate on everything, but then the slushy, icy mess afterwards always reminds me of what I hate about it, added to the fact that it does of course have to be cold to snow (really? 🤔), and I hate the cold.

The only "good" snow is thundersnow, which I've seen a few times.

Seen enough snow here to know what it's like, I'll take the [tropics](#) thanks 🙌

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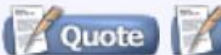


Location: Yorkshire, England
5,599 posts, read 7,817,185 times
Reputation: 3042

ben86

I've always liked snow because it's a rarity in our grey, mild winter climate but especially since moving to London even a small amount of snow will inevitably shut down roads, rail, air transport etc and cause chaos since it's not worth buying snow ploughs/snow tyres we'll rarely need, and nobody thinks to clear the stuff from outside their house so streets become [skating](#) rinks, etc. If we knew how to deal with it and it didn't automatically double journey times then I'd be happy with 20-30 days a year of snow.

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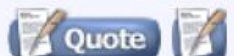


tomkat26

Location: North of Nowhere, South of Everywhere
1,085 posts, read 950,150 times
Reputation: 1889

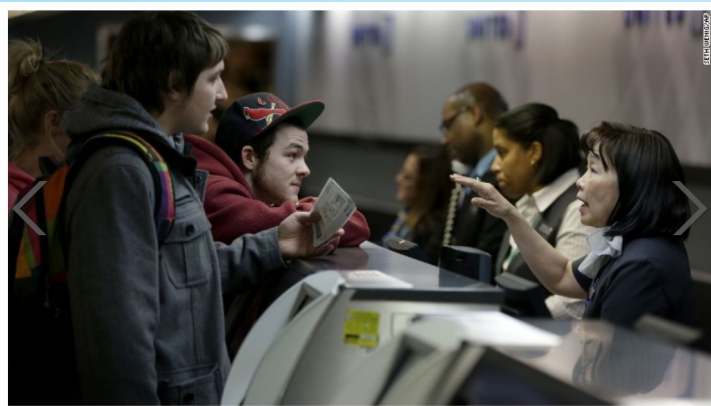
I like snow cause it covers all of the ugly and dirtiness of the world and makes everything look clean, nice, happy and wonderful.

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Who do you partly agree with? Completely agree/disagree with? Read more and leave your comments [here](#)

WHAT OTHER PROBLEMS CAN THE SNOW CAUSE? HOW TO SOLVE THEM?



Photos: Massive storm hammers Northeast
Passengers talk with a ticket agent at LaGuardia Airport to try to beat the snowstorm




Photos: Massive storm hammers Northeast
Snow falls on pedestrians in New York on January 26.



Photos: Massive storm hammers Northeast
A cyclist in New York navigates between parked cars and a sanitation truck with a snow plow on it on January 26.

PART 3. A SNOW DAYS



Would you like to have snow days? Have you ever had your classes cancelled because of the snow?

A **snow day** is a day when the weather is expected to be so bad that the school is closed to prevent students from getting into trouble because of a snowstorm.

So when such bad weather is expected schools in the UK, the US and some other countries **announce** a snow day. Some schools come up with creative ways to do so.



Can you guess why one of such announcements **went viral** in January 2019?

WATCH THE VIDEO. DOES IT REMIND YOU OF SMTH? WHAT IS THE SONG ABOUT?



<https://youtu.be/OjE72Q8s8wo>

ANSWER THESE QUESTIONS ABOUT THE VIDEO



Do you know this song?

Who do you think the man is?

Was this video made just before the snowstorm?

What was the man wearing and why?

Was the man happy about closing the school?

THIS IS AN EXTRACT FROM THE ARTICLE ABOUT HIM

Moses Brown School **spread the word** that they'd have a snow day tomorrow with a **parody of** the "**Let It Go**" song from Disney's 2013 animated feature film "**Frozen**."

"The snow glows white on Route 95, not a tire track to be seen," **Head of School** Matt Glendinning, **outfitted** in a **striped knit hat** and **sweater**, seems to sing at the beginning. "We could make you come to school, but that would just be **mean**."

SNOW DAYS, GOOD OR BAD?

Brainstorm ideas why snow days could be good/bad:

- for students
- for parents
- for teachers
- for other people

For more ideas have a look at

<https://edition.cnn.com/2014/02/05/living/school-closings-weather/index.html>

Role play a school **staff meeting** to decide whether to close or not to close your school tomorrow.

