



Com'è il tempo?

How Is the Weather ?

LEVEL

A1

VOCABULARY

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1. How to ask and answer “How is the weather?”
2. Common phrases to talk about the weather



1. Come chiedere e rispondere a “Com’è il tempo?”
2. Frasi comuni per parlare del tempo



The fruit in the pictures is typical of the lovely season when the weather is sunny and warm.

Do you remember how they are called in Italian?





Com(e)'

how

adv.

è

is

v.

il

the

art.

tempo

weather

n.



Notice the elision in the expression **com'è** (how is).

It's the short form of come è.

The word “come” (how) loses its final vowel and adds the apostrophe.

come è → becomes → **com'è**



Elision is the omission of an unaccented final vowel before initial vowel of following word.



E'

(it) is

v.

bello

lovely

adj.

E'

(it) is

v.

brutto

bad

adj.



There's another way to ask: How is the weather?/What's the weather like?:

Che tempo fa?



which literally means “What does the weather make/do?”



How to ask “How is the weather?”

Com(e)'	è	il	tempo?
How	is	the	weather?

Che	tempo	fa?
What	(does the) weather	make/do?

How to answer

Il	tempo	è	bello
The	weather	is	lovely

Il	tempo	è	brutto
The	weather	is	bad



c'è il sole

there's the sun/it's sunny

exp.



nuvoloso

cloudy

adj.





c'è il vento

there's the wind/it's windy

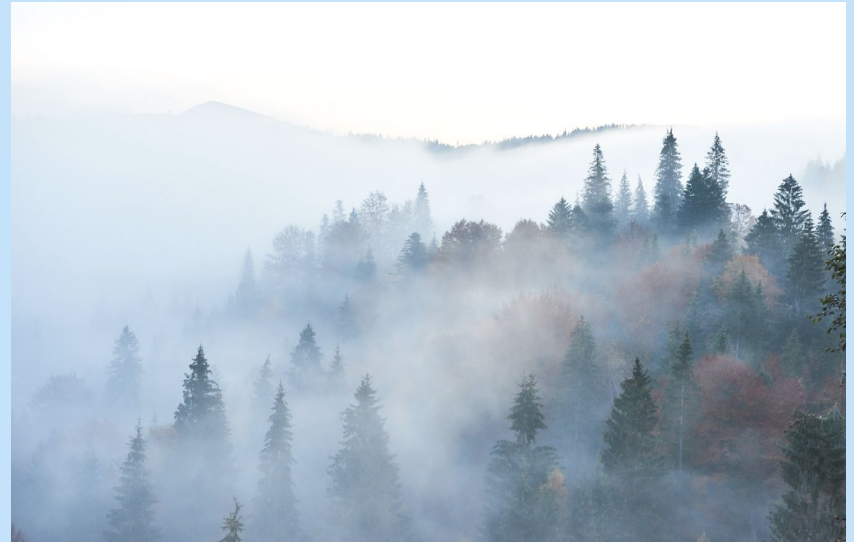
exp.



c'è la nebbia

there's the fog/it's foggy

exp.





piove

(it) rains

v.



neve

(it) snows

v.





Pay attention to the verb “**fare**”. It’s one of the most used and versatile verbs in the Italian language.

It means to make/do and is used in a great number of expressions. For example:

Fare la spesa (to go shopping)

Fare la fila (to que)

.... and of course for the weather.





The verb “to make/to do” – Il verbo fare

Person	verb “fare”
io	faccio
tu	fai
lui	fa
lei	fa
esso	fa
noi	facciamo
voi	fate
loro	fanno



Use the verb **fare** at the 3rd person singular (**fa**) to talk about the weather

qui	fa	caldo
here	(it) makes	hot

qui	fa	freddo
here	(it) makes	cold



fa caldo

(it) is hot

exp.



fa freddo

(it) is cold

exp.





Ciao Paola, com'è il tempo a Roma?

Ciao Anna, qui a Roma c'è il sole e fa caldo

Qui a Milano piove e fa freddo





Revise the Italian expressions to talk about the weather

Italian example	English translation
Com'è il tempo? Che tempo fa?	How is the weather?
C'è il sole	It's sunny
C'è il vento	It's windy
E' nuvoloso	It's cloudy
C'è la nebbia	It's foggy
Piove	It's raining
Nevica	It's snowing
Fa freddo	It's cold
Fa caldo	It's hot

Ask how is the weather and reply.

A



B



C



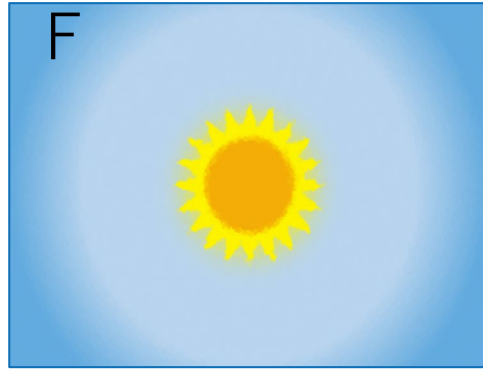
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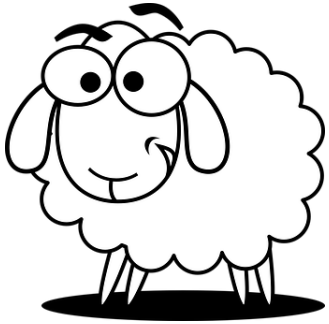
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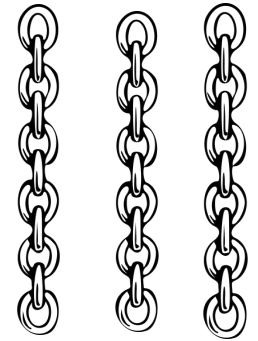
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Com'è il tempo? / Che tempo fa?
A. Piove - B. C'è nuvola - C. Nevica - D. C'è il vento - E. Fa caldo -
F. C'è il sole - G. Fa freddo



pecora = sheep
pecorella = small sheep



catena = chain
catinelle = small chains

AN ITALIAN PROVERB: CIELO A PECORELLE, ACQUA A CATINELLE

It means when the sky (**cielo**) is full of white puffy clouds which resemble white small sheep (**pecorelle**) it will probably rain «a catinelle».

«**A catinelle**» means it will rain so much that the water (**acqua**) will pour down, resembling small chains.



caldo

freddo

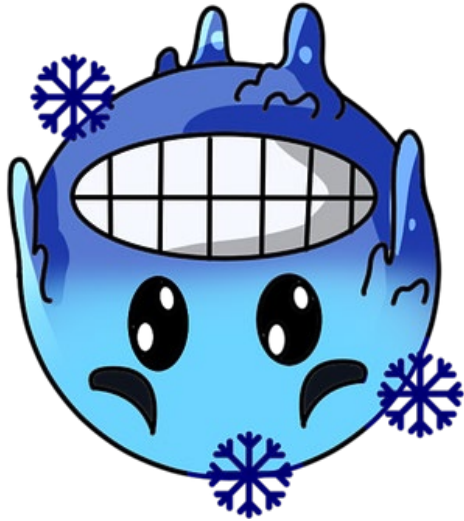
Choose the correct word to complete the expressions.

Fa _____



Fa _____





Fa freddo



Fa caldo



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