

**rain****1. [reɪn] n****1. 1) дождь**

continuous /quiet, steady, widespread/ rain - обложной дождь  
 drizzling rain - изморось, моросящий дождь  
 pouring /pelting, driving, torrential/ rain - ливень, проливной дождь  
 radioactive rain - радиоактивный дождь /-ые осадки/  
 it looks like rain - похоже, будет дождь  
 to stay out in the rain - мокнуть под дождём  
 come in out of the rain! - входите же, не стойте под дождём!  
 to get out of the rain - укрываться от дождя

**2) (the rains) период (тропических) дождей****2. *обыкн.* sing** поток(и), ручьи

a rain of congratulations - поток поздравлений  
 a rain of sparks - дождь искр  
 a rain of melody - водопад звуков  
 a rain of arrows - туча стрел  
 a rain of fire - интенсивный огонь

**3. кино** «дождь», царапины на изношенных фильмах**4. *горн.* капёж**

◇ right as rain - совершенно здоровый; в полном порядке  
 rain or shine - а) в любую погоду; we'll be there tomorrow rain or shine - мы прибудем завтра независимо от погоды; б) при всех условиях; что бы то ни было  
 he's always a good friend, rain or shine - при любых обстоятельствах он остаётся добрым другом

**2. [reɪn] v****1. идти, литься (о дожде)**

it rains, it is raining - идёт дождь  
 it rained very hard - был ливень, шёл проливной дождь  
 it has rained itself out - дождь кончился

**2. (*часто* rain down)****1) сыпать, осыпать; лить**

to rain blows [praises, kisses, compliments] upon smb. - осыпать кого-л. ударами [похвалами, поцелуями, комплиментами]  
 to rain arrows - посылать тучу стрел  
 to rain down shells on the enemy - *воен.* обрушивать на противника ураганный огонь  
 her eyes rain tears - у неё ручьём льются /градом катятся/ слёзы  
 heaven rained manna - *библ.* с неба падала манна  
 I will rain bread from heaven - *библ.* я одождю вам хлеб с неба

**2) сыпаться (градом); литься (потоками, ручьями); падать дождём**

tears rained down her cheeks - по её щекам градом катились /ручьями лились/ слёзы  
 dust [sand, ashes] rained (down) upon us - нас осыпало /засыпало/ пылью [песком, пеплом]  
 invitations [gifts] are raining on us - нас засыпают приглашениями [подарками]  
 misfortunes have rained thick upon me - много несчастий свалилось на мою голову  
 letters rained in from all quarters - письма пачками сыпались отовсюду

**3. *разг.* плакаться, жаловаться****4. *горн.* капать**

◇ it rains cats and dogs /*амер.* pitchforks, darning-needles, chicken coops, hammer handles/ - ≅ дождь льёт как из ведра  
 it never rains but it pours - *посл.* начался дождь - ожидай ливня; ≅ пришла беда - отвори ворота

**rain**

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**rain** [rain rains rained raining] noun, verb *BrE* [reɪn] <sup>ˈ</sup> *NAmE* [reɪn] <sup>ˈ</sup>**noun****1. uncountable, singular** water that falls from the sky in separate drops

- There will be rain in all parts tomorrow.
- Rain is forecast for the weekend.
- Don't go out **in the rain**.
- It's **pouring with rain** (= raining very hard) .
- **heavy/torrential/driving rain**
- The rain poured down.
- **It looks like rain** (= as if it is going to rain) .
- A light rain began to fall.
- I think I felt a drop of rain.

**see also** ↑acid rain, ↑rainy**2. the rains plural** the season of heavy continuous rain in tropical countries

- The rains come in September.

**3. singular ~ of sth** a large number of things falling from the sky at the same time

- a **rain of arrows/stones**

**more at** (as) right as rain **at** ↑right <sub>adj.</sub>

Old English *regn* (noun), *regnian* (verb), of Germanic origin; related to Dutch *regen* and German *Regen*.

### Thesaurus:

**rain** noun U, sing.

• Don't go out in the rain.

**shower** • • **drizzle** • • **downpour** • • **rainfall** • • **monsoon** •

(a) **heavy** rain/shower/downpour/rainfall

(a) **light** rain/shower/drizzle/rainfall

**be/get caught in** the rain/a shower/a downpour

### Collocations:

#### **The weather**

##### *Good weather*

**be bathed in/bask in/be blessed with/enjoy** bright/brilliant/glorious sunshine

the sun **shines/warms sth/beats down (on sth)**

the sunshine **breaks/streams through sth**

fluffy/wispy clouds **drift across the sky**

a gentle/light/stiff/cool/warm/sea breeze **blows in/comes in off the sea**

the snow **crunches beneath /under sb's feet/boots**

##### *Bad weather*

thick/dark/storm clouds **form/gather/roll in/cover the sky/block out the sun**

the sky **darkens/turns black**

a fine mist **hangs in the air**

a dense/heavy/thick fog **rolls in**

the rain **falls/comes down (in buckets/sheets)/pours down**

snow **falls/comes down/covers sth**

the wind **blows/whistles/howls/picks up/whips through sth/sweeps across sth**

strong/gale-force winds **blow/gust (up to 80 mph)**

a storm **is approaching /is moving inland/hits/strikes/rages**

thunder **rolls/rumbles/sounds**

(forked/sheet) lightning **strikes/hits/flashs**

a (blinding/snow) blizzard **hits/strikes/blows/rages**

a tornado **touches down/hits/strikes/destroys sth/rips through sth**

**forecast/expect/predict** rain/snow/a category-four hurricane

(NAme) **pour (down)/ (BrE) pour (down) with rain**

**get caught in/seek shelter from/escape** the rain

**be covered/shrouded in** mist/a blanket of fog

**be in for/brave/shelter from a/the** storm

**hear** rolling/distant thunder

**be battered/buffed by** strong winds

(BrE) **be blowing** a gale

**battle against/brave** the elements

##### *The weather improves*

the sun **breaks through the clouds**

the sky **clears/brightens (up)/lightens (up)**

the clouds **part/clear**

the rain **stops/lets up/holds off**

the wind **dies down**

the storm **passes**

the mist/fog **lifts/clears**

### Vocabulary Building:

#### **Rain and storms**

##### **Rain**

Drizzle is fine light rain.

A shower is a short period of rain.

A **downpour** or a **cloudburst** is a heavy fall of rain that often starts suddenly.

When it is raining very hard you can say that it is **pouring**. In informal *BrE* you can also say that it is **bucketing down** or **chucking it down**. You can also say: The heavens opened. **Storms**

A **cyclone** and a **typhoon** are types of violent tropical storms with very strong winds.

A **hurricane** has very strong winds and is usually at sea.

A **monsoon** is a period of very heavy rain in particular countries, or the wind that brings this rain.

A **squall** is a sudden strong, violent wind, usually in a rain or snow storm.

A tornado (or *informal* twister) has very strong winds which move in a circle, often with a long narrow cloud.

A whirlwind moves very fast in a spinning movement and causes a lot of damage.

A blizzard is a snow storm with very strong winds.

Tempest is used mainly in literary language to describe a violent storm.

### Example Bank:

• Black clouds threatened rain.

- Come in out of the rain.
- Heavy rain drenched us.
- It looks like rain.
- It poured with rain all afternoon.
- None of us had proper rain gear.
- Overnight rain had freshened up the garden.
- Rain beat against the roof all night.
- Rain dripped down his collar.
- Rain is forecast for tomorrow.
- She listened to the rain pattering against the window.
- The fine rain turned to mist in the early evening.
- The forecast is for wind and light rain.
- The monsoon rains started early this year.
- The rain came just as we set off.
- The rain continued for most of the day.
- The rain didn't let up all day.
- The rain drove the players off the court.
- The rain had set in steadily by the time we got home.
- The rain pounded down on her.
- We could do with a spot of rain.
- We drove slowly through the driving rain.
- We found her sitting in the pouring rain.
- We got caught in the rain on the way home.
- We had three inches of rain last night.
- We work outside every day, rain or shine.
- With rain threatening, we headed home as fast as we could.
- Don't go out in the rain.
- It's pouring with rain.
- The archers poured a rain of arrows on the enemy.

Idioms: ↑come rain, come shine ▪ ↑it never rains but it pours ▪ ↑rain on somebody's parade ▪ ↑rain or shine ▪ ↑raining cats and dogs

Derived ↑rained off

verb

**1. intransitive** when it rains, water falls from the sky in drops

- Is it raining?
- It had been raining hard all night.
- It hardly rained at all last summer.
- It started to rain.

**2. intransitive, transitive** to fall or to make sth fall on sb/sth in large quantities

- ~ **(down) (on sb/sth)** Bombs rained (down) on the city's streets.
- Falling debris rained on us from above.
- He covered his face as the blows rained down on him (= he was hit repeatedly).
- ~ **sth (down) (on sb/sth)** The volcano erupted, raining hot ash over a wide area.

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	rain
	BrE /reɪn/
	NAme /reɪn/
he / she / it	rains
	BrE /reɪnz/
	NAme /reɪnz/
past simple, past participle	rained
	BrE /reɪnd/
	NAme /reɪnd/
-ing form	raining
	BrE /reɪnɪŋ/
	NAme /reɪnɪŋ/

Word Origin:

Old English regn (noun), **regnian** (verb), of Germanic origin; related to Dutch **regen** and German **Regen**.

Thesaurus:

**rain** verb

- It had been raining all night.

**fall** • • **come down** • • **pour** • • **drizzle** •

**It's** raining/pouring/drizzling.

rain/fall **heavily** /**lightly** /**steadily**

**Rain, fall or come down?** **Rain** is the most frequent verb and is used with the subject **it**. **Fall** and **come down** are used with a subject such as **rain** or **snow**

- 70 millimetres of rain fell in just a few hours.

- The rain came down in torrents.

### Example Bank:

- I don't think it's going to rain.
- It had rained solidly for four days.
- It rained incessantly for the whole two weeks.
- It's been raining solidly for an hour now.
- It's been raining steadily all day.
- It had been raining all night.
- The floorboards above shook, raining dust and splinters over our heads.

See also: ↑rained out ▪ ↑when it rains, it pours

## rain

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1. **rain**<sup>1</sup> **S2 W2** /reɪn/ *BrE* " *AmE* " *noun*

[Language: Old English; Origin: regn]

1. **[uncountable]** water that falls in small drops from clouds in the sky:

" a night of wind and rain

" There will be heavy rain in most parts of the country.

### in the rain

" I left my bicycle out in the rain. ⇒ ↑acid rain, ↑rain drop, ↑rainy

2. **the rains** heavy rain that falls during a particular period in the year in tropical countries ⇒ **monsoon**:

" Last year, the rains came on time in April.

3. **rain of something** a large number of things falling or moving through the air together:

" The archers sent a rain of arrows towards the enemy.

4. **(come) rain or shine** *spoken* whatever happens or whatever the weather is like:

" Don't worry. We'll be there – rain or shine.

—**rainless** *adjective*

⇒ **right as rain** at ↑right<sup>1</sup>(9)

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## COLLOCATIONS

### ADJECTIVES/NOUN + rain

- **heavy** (=with a lot of water coming down) The rain became more heavy.
- **light** (=with little water coming down) A light rain began to fall.
- **torrential** (=very heavy) I woke to the sound of torrential rain.
- **pouring rain** (=very heavy rain) He left us standing in the pouring rain.
- **driving rain** (=heavy rain that is falling fast or being blown along) They struggled to walk against driving rain.
- **freezing rain** (=extremely cold rain) the icy wind and freezing rain
- **fine rain** (=very gentle rain) A fine rain was coming down as the game started.
- **acid rain** (=which contains pollution from factories) forests which have been damaged by acid rain

### verbs

- **the rain falls** The rain was still falling steadily.
- **the rain comes down** (=it falls) If the rain starts coming down, we can always go inside. | The monsoon rain comes down in sheets.
- **the rain stops** They went into a cafe and waited for the rain to stop.
- **the rain eases off** (=it starts to rain less) The rain should ease off in a minute.
- **the rain pours down** (=a lot of rain comes down) The rain was pouring down and I was quickly soaked.
- **the rain pelts down** (=it comes down fast) The rain was now pelting down.
- **the rain beats/lashes** (=it falls or hits something with a lot of force) Isabel listened to the rain beating down.
- **the rain patters on something** (=drops of rain hit something and make a sound) Rain pattered on the roof.
- **get caught in the rain** (=be outside when it starts raining) Did you get caught in the rain?

### phrases

- **it is pouring with rain** *British English*, **it is pouring rain** *American English* (=a lot of rain is falling) When we went outside it was pouring with rain.
- **it looks like rain** (=rain appears likely because there are dark clouds in the sky) We ate indoors because it looked like rain.
- **a drop of rain** Robert felt a drop of rain on his face.
- **an inch/25mm etc of rain** Two inches of rain fell in twelve hours.
- **outbreaks of rain** (=short periods of rain – used in weather forecasts) Outbreaks of rain will spread across northern parts.
- **a rain shower** (also **a shower of rain** *British English*) (=a short period of rain) a heavy shower of rain accompanied by lightning
- **sheets of rain** (=large moving masses of heavy rain) He drove home slowly, through sheets of rain.
- **a rain cloud** Thick black rain clouds massed in the sky.

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## THESAURUS

- **rain** *noun* **[uncountable]** water that falls in small drops from clouds in the sky: The rain has stopped at last. | There had been heavy rain during the night.
- **drizzle** *noun* **[uncountable]** light rain with very small drops of water: A light drizzle was falling as I left the house.
- **shower** *noun* **[countable]** a short period of rain that can be heavy or light: More heavy showers are forecast for tonight. | a light shower of rain

- **downpour** *noun* [countable usually singular] a short period of very heavy rain that starts suddenly: A sudden downpour sent us running for shelter. | a torrential downpour
- **hail** *noun* [uncountable] frozen rain that falls in the form of <sup>↑</sup>**hailstones** (=small balls of ice): The hail and high winds have destroyed many of the county's crops.
- **sleet** *noun* [uncountable] a mixture of snow and rain: The rain had turned to sleet | Sleet and snow fell.
- **the rains** *noun* [plural] heavy rain that falls during a particular period in the year in tropical countries: The farmers are waiting for the rains to come.
- **monsoon** *noun* [countable] the heavy rain that falls between April and October in India and other southern Asian countries: The monsoon is late this year. | the monsoon season

## II. rain<sup>2</sup> S3 BrE<sup>1</sup> AmE<sup>1</sup> verb

1. **it rains** if it rains, drops of water fall from clouds in the sky:

- Outside it was still raining.
- It's starting to rain.

### rain heavily/hard

- It must have rained quite hard last night.

### it's raining cats and dogs *spoken* (=it is raining very hard)

2. **rain (down) blows/blows rain down** if you rain blows onto someone, you hit them many times:

- She attacked the man, raining blows on his head and shoulders.

3. **it never rains but it pours** *spoken* used to say that as soon as one thing goes wrong, a lot of other things go wrong as well

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## COLLOCATIONS

### adverbs

- **it rains heavily/hard** (=a lot of water comes down) It was raining heavily when we arrived in New York.
- **it rains non-stop/solidly/steadily** (=without stopping) It rained solidly every single day.
- **it rains slightly/lightly** (=a little water comes down) It's raining slightly, but we can still go out.

### verbs

- **it starts raining/it starts to rain** It had started to rain again.
- **it stops raining** Has it stopped raining?

### phrases

- **it is raining cats and dogs** *informal* (=it is raining very hard – this phrase sounds rather old-fashioned)

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## THESAURUS

- **it's raining** drops of water are falling from the sky: It's raining – you'd better take an umbrella.
- **it's pouring (down)** *British English*, **it's pouring (rain)** *American English* it is raining very heavily: We stayed at home because it was pouring down all day.
- **it's chucking it down** *British English informal* it is raining very heavily: Outside it was chucking it down and the streets were deserted.
- **it's drizzling** very gentle rain is falling: It's only drizzling – let's go for a walk anyway.
- **it's hailing** frozen rain in the form of small balls of ice are falling: It had been hailing and the roads were still slippery.

### rain down *phrasal verb*

to fall in large quantities

### rain down on

- Bombs rained down on the city.

### be rained off *British English*, **be rained out** *American English* *phrasal verb*

if an event or activity is rained off or rained out, it has to stop because there is too much rain:

- The match was rained off.

## rain

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