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**The common vowel sound for each group of words is as follows:**

1. 1. shower, drought: **"ow" sound**
2. 2. below, snow: **"oh" sound**
3. 3. cool, humid, monsoon, typhoon: **"oo" sound**
4. 4. flood, thunder: **"uh" sound**
5. 5. heavy, weather: **"eh" sound**
6. 6. heat wave, breeze, freezing: **"ee" sound**
7. 7. pouring, storm, scorching, warm: **"or" sound**
8. 8. drizzling, chilly: **"ih" sound**
9. 9. bright, icy, lightning, mild: **"ie" sound**
10. 10. clear, zero: **"eer" sound**

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The "Climate Stories Project" is a website that allows people from around the world to share personal stories about how climate change is affecting their lives and communities.

Two people share their experiences:

- **Diana Maciaga:** Notes that weather patterns have changed in her area. Winters are milder, and summers have more heat waves. She mentions a special period between winter and spring called "przedwiosnie" that no longer really happens, which she sees as a significant example of climate change.
- **Umberto Crespo Palmarito:** Explains that the rainy season has shifted in his region. It used to be predictable, starting in March and ending in

November, with daily heavy rain. Now, the rain starts in June, and there can be long periods without any rain. He says a traditional belief that "September 21st was the day the weather changed" is no longer true because the weather has become so different and unpredictable.

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## 1. What's the weather like?

### a. Put the words or phrases in the correct place in the chart.

- 1. It's cool. (a little cold)
- 2. It's **chilly**. (unpleasantly cold)
- 3. It's **freezing**. (very cold)
- 4. It's **below zero**. (-10°)
- 5. It's **mild**. (pleasant and not cold)
- 6. It's **warm**. (a pleasantly high temperature)
- 7. It's **scorching**. (unpleasantly hot)
- 8. It's **damp**. (warm and wet but not raining)
- 9. It's **cool**. (cold and slightly wet)
- 10. It's **drizzling**. (raining lightly)
- 11. There are **showers**. (raining intermittently)
- 12. It's **pouring**. (raining a lot)
- 13. There's a **breeze**. (a light wind)

### b. Complete the sentences with fog, mist, and smog.

- **Mist** isn't usually very thick, and often occurs in the mountains or near the ocean.
- **Fog** is thicker, and can be found in towns and in the country.
- **Smog** is caused by pollution and usually occurs in big cities.

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## 2. Extreme weather

### a. Match the words and definitions.

- 1. **heat wave**: (noun) a period of unusually hot weather
- 2. **drought**: (noun) a long, usually hot, dry period when there is little or no rain
- 3. **hail**: (noun and verb) small balls of ice that fall like rain
- 4. **lightning**: (noun) a flash of very bright light in the sky caused by electricity
- 5. **thunder**: (noun and verb) the loud noise that you hear during a storm
- 6. **blizzard**: (noun) a snow storm with very strong winds
- 7. **flood**: (verb and noun) when everything becomes covered with water
- 8. **hurricane**: (noun) a violent storm with very strong winds (also cyclone, tornado, typhoon)
- 9. **monsoon**: (noun) the season when it rains a lot in southern Asia

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## 3. Adjectives to describe weather

### a. Complete the weather forecast with these adjectives.

In the western part of New York it will be very cold, with **strong** winds and **heavy** rain. There will also be **thick** fog in the hills and valleys, though it should clear by midday. Driving will be dangerous because the roads will be **icy**. However, the Hudson Valley and the Tri-state area will have **clear** skies and it will be **bright** and sunny, though the temperature

will still be low. Over the next few days the weather will be **changeable** with some showers, but occasional **settled** periods. It should become more over the weekend.

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## b. Reasons for Extreme Sports

**Answer: The three correct reasons given in the article are:**

- (2) Once some people have tried it, they can't stop.
- (4) People want to have new experiences.
- (5) They are better known because you can watch other people doing them live online.

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## c. Fill in the Blanks

1. The typical speed of a wingsuit flyer is **110 mph**.
2. The age that Zanon was when he died was **33**.
3. **Dean Potter** and **Graham Hunt** were the two men killed wingsuit flying in the US a few years ago.
4. The number of people who parachuted for the first time last year was **59,679**.
5. The percentage of female climbers now is **36%**.
6. **Jess Cox** is the woman who paraglided off a mountain in Turkey.
7. **Steph Davis** is one of the world's best female wingsuit flyers