climate

Apresyan (En-Ru)

1. ['klaımıt] *n* 1. климат

mild [healthy, scorching, dry, humid, wet /damp/] climate - мягкий [здоровый, знойный, сухой, влажный, сырой] климат temperate /moderate/ climate - умеренный климат

2. район, область с определённым режимом погоды

- 3. атмосфера настроение, умонастроение climate of opinion - общественное мнение
- climate of confidence атмосферадоверия
- international climate международная обстановка

2. ['klaımıt] v амер.

1) акклиматизировать

2) акклиматизироваться

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cli-mate [climate climates] BrE ['klaɪmət] NAmE ['klaɪmət] noun

- 1. countable, uncountable the regular pattern of weather conditions of a particular place
- a mild/temperate /warm/wet climate
- the harsh climate of the Arctic regions
- 2. countable an area with particular weather conditions
- They wanted to move to a warmer climate.
- 3. countable a general attitude or feeling; an atmosphere or a situation which exists in a particular place
- the present political climate
- the current climate of opinion (= what people generally are thinking about a particular issue)
- a climate of suspicion/violence
- We need to create a climate in which business can prosper.

Word Origin:

late Middle English: from Old French climat or late Latin clima, climat-, from Greek klima 'slope, zone', from klinein 'to slope'. The term originally denoted a zone of the earth between two lines of latitude, then any region of the earth, and later, a region considered with reference to its atmospheric conditions. Compare with [†]clime.

Culture:

weather The popular view of the British weather is that it rains all the time. This is not true and Britain gets no more rain in an average year than several other European countries. In some summers the country goes for weeks with nothing more than a **shower**. Perhaps the main characteristic of Britain's weather is that it is hard to predict. This is probably why people regularly listen to **weather**

forecasts on radio and television. However, the weather forecasters are sometimes wrong. The British are not used to extremes. In summer the temperature rarely goes higher than 30°C (86° F). Heatwaves are greeted with newspaper headlines such as 'Phew! What a scorcher!' In winter the south and west are fairly mild. The east and north get much colder, with hard frosts and snow. A cold snap (= period of very cold weather) or heavy falls of snow can bring transport to a halt.

Samuel Johnson observed that 'when two Englishmen meet their first talk is of the weather', and this is still true. The weather is a safe, polite and **impersonal** topic of conversation. Most British people would agree that bright sunny weather, not too hot and with enough rain to water their gardens, is good. Bad weather usually means dull days with a lot of cloud and rain or, in winter, fog or snow. The British tend to expect the worst as far as the weather is concerned and it is part of national **folklore** that summer [†]bank holidays will be wet. It may be **pouring with rain**, **teeming down**, **bucketing**, or evenjust **drizzling** or **spitting**, but it will be wet.

The US is large enough to have several different **climates**, and so the weather varies between regions. In winter the temperature in ¹New York state is often -8° C (17° F) or lower, in the summer in ¹Arizona it is often above 40° C (104° F). Arizona gets less than an inch/2.5 centimetres of rain most months; the state of ¹Washington, DC can get 6 inches/15 centimetres. The Northeast and Midwest have cold winters with a lot of snow, and summers that are very hot and **humid**. The South has hot, **humid** summers but moderate winters. The Southwest, including Arizona and ¹New Mexico, is dry and warm in the winter and very hot in the summer. Some parts of the US suffer **tornadoes** (= strong circular winds) and **hurricanes**.

In autumn people put **storm doors and windows** on their houses, an extra layer of glass to keep out the cold wind. Cities in the **snow belt** have several **snow days** each winter, days when people do not go to school or work. But then **snow ploughs** clear the roads and life goes on, even when the weather is bad.

In the US it is considered boring to talk about the weather, but some phrases are often heard. In the summer people ask, 'Is it hot enough for you?' or say that the street is 'hot enough to fry an egg'. When it rains they say 'Nice day if you're a duck', or that they do not mind the rain because 'the farmers need it'.

Many people in Britain and the US, as elsewhere, are worried about **global warming** due to **emissions** from vehicles and factories of **greenhouse gases** such as **carbon dioxide** (CO 2) and **nitrous oxide** (N 2 O) and any **climatic changes** this may cause.

Thesaurus:

climate noun 1. C, U • the harsh climate of the Arctic weather • in (a) good, mild, etc. climate/weather
(a) hot/cold/warm/good/mild/harsh/severe climate/weather
have (a) good, mild, etc. climate/weather

- **2**. C
- New policies created a climate of fear.

atmosphere • • mood • • feeling • a hostile climate/atmosphere the political climate/atmosphere/mood create/reflect a climate/atmosphere/mood/feeling (of sth)

Example Bank:

- · His ideas on equality are viewed as utopian in the current political climate.
- Little grows in such a dry climate.
- The city has a warm climate.
- The new policies have created a climate of fear.
- · a climate for economic recovery
- a set of ideas that challenge the prevailing climate of pessimism
- global climate change
- the severe northern climate
- He admitted that the economic climate has rarely been worse.
- Such a move seems unlikely in the current political climate.
- The crisis produced a climate far less favourableto redevelopment
- There's been a change in the climate of opinion.
- They hope this will provide the right climate for social change.
- a temperate/tropical climate

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climate W3 /'klaımət, 'klaımıt/ BrE * AmE * noun

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[Date: 1300-1400, Language: Old French, Origin: climat, from Late Latin clima, from Greek klima 'angle, latitude, climate', from klinein 'to lean', because the weather depends on the angle of the sun to the earth]

1. [uncountable and countable] the typical weather conditions in a particular area:

- Los Angeles' warm dry climate
- climate change (=a permanent change in weather conditions)
- 2. [countable] an area with particular weather conditions:
- These flowers will not grow in cold climates.
- **3**. [countable usually singular] the general feeling or situation in a place at a particular time political/economic/social etc climate
 - Small businesses are finding it hard to survive in the present economic climate.

climate of

a climate of growing racial intolerance in large cities

COLLOCATIONS (for Meanings 1 & 2)

adjectives

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- warm /hot Many people prefer to live where the climate is warm.
- cold/cool Scotland's climate is too cold for these plants to survive.
- mild (=not too hot and not too cold) The region's climate is mild all the year round.
- dry She loves the dry climate of southern California.
- wet/damp A damp climate can damage buildings.
- humid (=with hot and wet air) Tropical vegetation flourishes in this humid climate.
- harsh (also inhospitable formal) (=uncomfortable and difficult to live in) The climate of the Siberian steppes is harsh.
- extreme /severe These mountain people are used to the extreme climate.
- arid (=very dry) Very few plants can flourish in such an arid climate.
- temperate (=never very hot or very cold) Europe's climate is temperate.
- tropical (=very hot and wet) the tropical climate of Brazil

a Mediterranean climate (=typical of the areas around the Mediterranean Sea) Croatia enjoys a Mediterranean climate.
 the global/world climate (=the weather of the world) Scientists are assessing the impact of carbon dioxide on the global climate.

• a changing climate A changing climate will bring rising tides.

climate + NOUN

- climate change (=a permanent change in weather conditions) The world must reduce the emissions that cause climate change.

COLLOCATIONS (for Meaning 3)

adjectives

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• the political/economic/social etc climate At the time the political climate was moving steadily to the right.

• a favourable climate (=that is good for doing or achieving something) Both sides were working to create a favourable climate for effective negotiations.

• a difficult/unfavourable climate The economic situation created an unfavourableclimate for investment.

• the current/present climate (also the prevailing climate formal) Change will be hard to achieve in the current climate.

• the international climate The international climate changed for the worse as conflict broke out in the region.

• the intellectual climate (=the general way of thinking) New inventions can change the intellectual climate.

verbs

- create a climate It's important to create a climate of trust between staff and management.

phrases

• the climate of opinion (=the opinion which most people have about a subject) The climate of opinion is still favorable for the President.

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THESAURUS

• weather use this to talk about whether it is hot or cold outside or whether it is raining, snowing, windy etc: What was the weather like on your vacation? | a period of warm sunny weather

- climate the usual weather conditions in a particular country or area: Queensland has a warm tropical climate. | the climate of southern Florida

• the outlook what the weather will probably be like for the next few days: The outlook for the weekend is for continued sunny weather.

• conditions the weather at a particular time, especially when considering how this will affect a planned event or activity: Conditions are perfect for today's boat race. | Freezing conditions are making the roads extremely hazardous.

• the elements formal weather, especially bad weather: The equipment had been left exposed to the elements.

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