

monsoon[mɒn'suːn] *n*

1. муссон
2. дождливый сезон

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Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

mon-soon [monsoon monsoons] *BrE* [ˌmɒn'suːn] *NAmE* [ˌmɑːnsoʊn] *noun*

1. a period of heavy rain in summer in S Asia; the rain that falls during this period
2. a wind in S Asia that blows from the south-west in summer, bringing rain, and the north-east in winter

Word Origin:late 16th cent.: from Portuguese *monção*, from Arabic *mawsim* 'season', from *wasama* 'to mark, brand'.Example Bank:

- The south-west monsoon sets in during April.
- Travelling is much more difficult during the monsoon.
- By the end of September it seemed that the monsoon season was drawing to a close.
- The monsoon blew relentlessly into our faces.
- This year's monsoon rains are expected to flood several villages.
- monsoon rains/winds/weather

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monsoon /mɒn'suːn/ *BrE* *AmE* *noun* [countable][Date: 1500-1600; Origin: Early Dutch monsoon, from Portuguese *monção*, from Arabic *mawsim* 'time, season']

1. [usually singular] the season, from about April to October, when it rains a lot in India and other southern Asian countries
2. the heavy rain that falls during the monsoon, or the wind that brings the rain

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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 [↑]*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

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