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## IN ENGLISH, PLEASE



Now available on the **Appstore**, the collection of "In English, please" articles from June 2007 to December 2016, with audio recordings when available.

## WEATHER, ... ET CETERA A WEB QUEST

This web quest will help you discover a few of the sites that have been mentioned in various "In English, please" articles to practice your English. Answer the multiple-choice questions in the questionnaire below, then arrange the letters associated with your answers to unveil a quote by Mark Twain. The number next to the letter indicates how many times that letter appears in the quote.

### [www.bbc.co.uk/learningenglish/](http://www.bbc.co.uk/learningenglish/)

Let's start with some general English practice. British people love to talk about the weather, so there is a lot of material to choose from on the net to learn weather-related vocabulary. Type "weather" in the search box of the above-mentioned site and select the first entry: weather report. Listen to the video in activity 2, using the transcript only if you need help, and answer these questions:

#### 1 - What is a brology?

- a) a rain pant (o - 1)
- b) an umbrella (t - 6)
- c) a raincoat (m - 2)

#### 2 - What will the temperatures be like in the showers?

- a) mid or high teens (y - 2)
- b) warmish (x - 1)
- c) 12 to 13 (g - 1)

#### 3 - What will the weather be like on Sunday morning?

- a) foggy (l - 1)
- b) showery (b - 1)
- c) windy (r - 2)

### [www.wikipedia.org](http://www.wikipedia.org)

The next stop will be at Wikipedia, the ultimate online resource on any subject, in different languages. You should, of course, bookmark the English version, knowing that for many articles the translation in French is just a click away. Again, type "weather" in the home page search box to be directed to the weather portal. Find the answer to this question in the introduction:

#### 4 - What causes seasons?

- a) solar winds (h - 1)
- b) the inclination of the Earth's axis to its orbital plane (w - 5)
- c) the Coriolis effect (l - 3)

Wikipedia is also a great site for aviation-related reading. The aviation portal at <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Portal:Aviation> covers all aspects of the matter, as can be seen on the

"Categories and Main topics" page with its many entries. Scroll to the middle of the page to the "Aviation" column on the left, click on the "Aviation meteorology" link then find the article on contrail.

#### 5 - What is a distrail?

- a) a dissipation trail (q - 1)
- b) the opposite of a contrail (n - 1)
- c) the clear wake an aircraft leaves through a cloudy sky (t - 2)
- d) all of the above (c - 2)

### [www.pilotworkshop.com](http://www.pilotworkshop.com)

This site has been mentioned several times in "In English, please". Sign up for their weekly newsletter to receive, every Tuesday, a "short, useful tip from (their) team of experts to improve technique and avoid common mistakes". Most of the time the tip comes with an audio version, to practice listening comprehension. The comments from pilots make for a great read as well. Lately, one of these tips was about

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VFR in IMC. Go to [www.pilotworkshop.com/tips/inadvertent-imc](http://www.pilotworkshop.com/tips/inadvertent-imc), listen to the audio recording, preferably without looking at the script, then answer this question:

#### 6 - According to Bob, what is the first thing to do if you inadvertently encounter IMC conditions?

- a) take a deep breath (m - 1)
- b) contact ATC (a - 1)
- c) trust your senses (d - 1)

### [www.boldmethod.com](http://www.boldmethod.com)

This is another great site to hone aviation English and flying skills at the same time. Sign up to receive their newsletters, it will keep you in the English practice loop. You can also browse through their different articles directly on the site. Go to [www.boldmethod.com/learn-to-fly/weather/stuck-vfr-on-top-of-a-cloud-fog-](http://www.boldmethod.com/learn-to-fly/weather/stuck-vfr-on-top-of-a-cloud-fog-)

layer-that-formed-in-only-a-few-minutes/ for a short refresher course on radiation fog:

#### 7 - How can you tell if the air is humid?

- a) the wind is calm (u - 2)
- b) there is a high-pressure area (f - 1)
- c) the temperature/dew point spread is close (h - 3)

#### 8 - What makes radiation fog go away?

- a) wind (g - 2)
- b) a dry air mass moving in the area (n - 2)
- c) the sun (k - 1)
- d) all of the above (r - 1)

### [www.skybrary.aero](http://www.skybrary.aero)

Now let's go to Skybrary, the knowledge base initiated by Eurocontrol and dedicated to aviation safety. On the Weather portal, select "Cloud", then "Cloud Types":

#### 9 - "Alto" in altocumulus stands for:

- a) high (h - 1)
- b) medium (x - 1)
- c) low (c - 3)

### [www.anglais-pour-voler.com](http://www.anglais-pour-voler.com)

The last step will take you to the practice page at [www.anglais-pour-voler.com](http://www.anglais-pour-voler.com), to work on Eliot's practice papers.

The practice papers consist of short exercises covering different language skills. A new one is posted every two weeks on average.

Sign up for Eliot's newsletter to be informed first hand of their publication.

In the mean time, go to Practice Paper #4 and click on the "severe weather" link in the first exercise.

#### 10 - What is the minimum wind speed of a hurricane?

- a) 34 knots (z - 1)
- b) 64 knots (a - 4)
- c) 82 knots (j - 1)

ANSWERS 1 - B; 2 - C; 3 - A; 4 - B; 5 - D; 6 - A; 7 - C; 8 - D; 9 - B; 10 - B  
The quote: climate is what we expect, weather is what we get.