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# Goodies



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## Surprises from our skies

**S**UNNY, rainy, cloudy... Most of the time, the weather we have is quite predictable. But that is not always the case. Have you ever seen lightning above volcanoes? What about huge hailstones or a downpour of frogs? No, we are not talking nonsense. These things are all possible! How? Turn the page to find out.



### Editor's Note

Hi! It is getting really hot now and on some days there is a lot of rain. But 'every cloud has a silver lining' because we can go to the beach on sunny days and our city has a good wash every time it rains. To learn more phrases that use the weather, turn to G02. I hope to go to Japan again in the future and travel all over the country. The fastest way to travel is by Maglev Train, but that will not be available until 2027. Turn to G03 to read more.



Simon





## Lightning above volcanoes

Sometimes when a **volcano** erupts (that is when a volcano 'spits' hot liquid, gas or ash), flashes of lightning could be seen above the volcano. But these flashes are different from the lightning we see during storms. They do not come from the sky. They come from the ash cloud from the volcano!

## Super-sized hailstones

Sometimes **hailstones** can be seen in Hong Kong. They are a bit like onions. They are made of several **layers** of ice so they are really tough. The biggest hailstone was found in the United States (美國). It was about 20cm in diameter and weighed nearly 1kg. That is about as heavy as three cans of coke!



## Raining animals

In some parts of the world, people have seen fish or frogs 'rain' down from the sky. How come? It is because of small **tornadoes**. They **suck up** small animals from the water. When the tornado reaches land, it releases everything it is carrying. Poor fish and frogs!



## Learning English

There are many English phrases about the weather:

### have one's head in the clouds

(因為發白日夢而心不在焉)

- to be unaware of what is going on because you are always daydreaming
- Big Dee has no idea that there will be a test tomorrow – he has **his head in the clouds**.



### under the weather

(不舒服)

- feeling ill
- I am feeling a bit **under the weather**. It might be the sushi I ate this morning.



### save it for a rainy day

(未雨綢繆)

- save something (especially money) to use in an **emergency**
- You should not spend all the money you have. **Save some for a rainy day!**



## Vocabulary

volcano (n) 火山  
hailstone (n) 冰雹

layer (n) 層  
tornado (n) 龍捲風

suck up (ph v) 吸起  
emergency (n) 緊急情況



## Challenge

