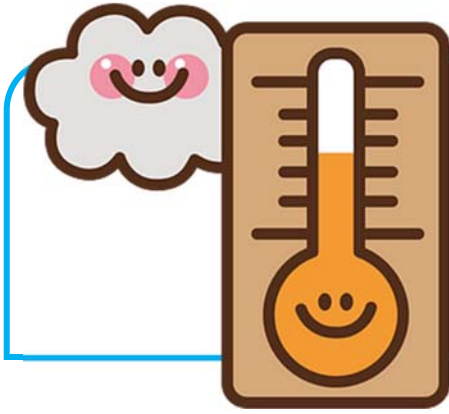


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UK Vs. US Climate

Directions: Read the information below, then answer the comparison questions. Use what you know about weather patterns in the United Kingdom and different regions of the United States.

The United Kingdom has a **mild maritime climate**. This means temperatures stay fairly moderate throughout the year, with cool summers and mild winters. Rain is common in all seasons because the UK is surrounded by ocean waters that help regulate temperature.

In contrast, the United States has many different climate regions.

- The **Northeast** has cold, snowy winters and warm summers.
- The **Southeast** is known for hot, humid summers and mild winters.
- The **Southwest** experiences dry air and high temperatures, especially in desert areas.
- The **Pacific Northwest** gets heavy rainfall but stays cooler than most of the country.
- The **Midwest** has hot summers and very cold winters with strong seasonal changes.

1. What does it mean that the UK has a mild maritime climate?
2. Which US region has a climate most similar to the UK and why?
3. Which US region is most different from the UK and why?
4. Why does the UK get frequent rainfall throughout the year?
5. How does the ocean influence the temperature in the United Kingdom?
6. Compare the UK climate to the Northeast region of the United States. How are they different?
7. How is the Southeast region different from the UK in summer?
8. Why might farming be easier in certain US regions compared to the UK?
9. Which US region has the biggest seasonal changes compared to the UK?
10. In your own words, explain how living in the UK might feel different from living in your region of the United States.