

## Unit 4 Assessment

**Complete the paragraph with the words in the box. One word is extra.**

amount	drought	forecast	heat	storm	temperature
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1. It will be very cold and wet tonight. The weather \_\_\_\_\_ is not good. It says that a big \_\_\_\_\_ is approaching the region. We can expect the \_\_\_\_\_ to drop. There will also be a large \_\_\_\_\_ of rain. The good news is that the weekend will be better. The summer \_\_\_\_\_ will return on Saturday, so be ready to plan your trip to the beach!

ANSWERS: forecast, storm, temperature, amount, heat

POINTS: 5

**Match each word to its definition.**

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| 2. flood (n)    | ● | ● a. a period in the year, such as winter            |
| 3. location (n) | ● | ● b. a place where something is or happens           |
| 4. effect (n)   | ● | ● c. a lot of water where there is normally dry land |
| 5. drought (n)  | ● | ● d. a dry time with no rain                         |
| 6. season (n)   | ● | ● e. a change or result                              |

ANSWERS: 2. c, 3. b, 4. e, 5. d, 6. a

POINTS: 5

## LEVEL 1

## ASSESSMENT ANSWER KEY

Choose the correct synonym for each word. Two words are extra.

decrease	increase	measure	prevent	reach
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7. go down \_\_\_\_\_

8. rise \_\_\_\_\_

9. stop \_\_\_\_\_

ANSWERS: 7. decrease, 8. increase, 9. prevent

POINTS: 3

Listen. Then answer the questions.

10. Which of these is true about the grandfather?
- He was a teenager, so he remembers the storm.
  - He was very young, but he remembers the storm.
  - He only remembers what people told him about the storm.
11. What did everyone do when they were in the "eye" of the storm?
- They went upstairs.
  - They went inside.
  - They went outside.
12. What did the storm do to the grandfather's house?
- It caused a flood in the house.
  - It broke windows and stopped electricity.
  - It destroyed the whole house.

ANSWERS: 10. b, 11. c, 12. b

POINTS: 3

**Audio 1**

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**Female teen:** Yeah? Could you tell me about it?

**Grandpa:** Well, I'll never forget the wind and rain. They were so loud! Like a train. I felt excited—and then scared. But then it was suddenly quiet. We were in the eye of the storm.

**Female teen:** The eye of the storm? What's that?

## LEVEL 1

## ASSESSMENT ANSWER KEY

**Grandpa:** It's the center. There's no wind or rain. My dad took us outside, and I saw the sun. I thought the storm was finished. But then it all came back—strong! We went back inside quickly.

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**Grandpa:** We were fine, but the storm destroyed a lot. Buildings, cars, trees . . . We had broken windows. And no electricity for a week.

**Female teen:** Wow! Did the rainfall bring any floods?

**Grandpa:** No, not exactly. The floods came from the ocean. They didn't reach our location. However, the effects were much worse closer to the beach.

**Female teen:** Well, I'm glad you were OK.

**Grandpa:** Yes! We were lucky.

**Listen. Complete the sentences with ONE or TWO words or numbers.**

13. Grandpa, you saw Hurricane Carol in \_\_\_\_\_, right?

14. I felt excited—and then \_\_\_\_\_.

15. The eye of the storm is \_\_\_\_\_.

16. The floods \_\_\_\_\_ the ocean.

ANSWERS: 13. 1954 / nineteen fifty-four, 14. scared, 15. the center, 16. came from

POINTS: 4

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**Listen. Choose the correct ending to complete the definitions.**

17. A *waterspout* is when a tornado ...
- a. moves across the land.
  - b. finishes over water.
  - c. lifts water into the air.
18. A hailstone is ...
- a. ice that falls from clouds.
  - b. a weather event that only happens in Bangladesh.
  - c. a very cold storm.

ANSWERS: 17. c, 18. a

POINTS: 2

**Audio 2**

**Radio announcer:** As we talk about wild weather this week, here's a story from Serbia. Vesna was ten years old in 2005 when she saw frogs "rain" from the sky. This happened because a tornado created a waterspout. That's when a tornado travels over water and lifts it up into the air. It can lift animals like fish and frogs out of the water. And what goes up . . . must come down! Here's Vesna to tell her story.

**Female adult:** I'll never forget that day. I was visiting my grandmother when suddenly it became dark and windy. We heard there was a tornado nearby, so we went into the closet. When the radio said that it was safe, we went outside. The sky was gray—almost green. But the sun was coming back out. I felt something fall near my foot. It was a frog! And then there was another frog! Suddenly, frogs were falling everywhere! It was raining frogs! We screamed and laughed, then ran back inside. I'll never forget that day.

**Radio announcer:** Isn't that amazing? Next, we'll hear about another surprise from the sky—hailstones! A hailstone is ice that falls from clouds during a storm. In 1986, a city in Bangladesh saw some enormous hailstones. Some were more than 20 centimeters in size—and *heavy*! Stay tuned to hear Rina tell her story after the break.

**Listen. Choose the stressed syllable.**

19. predict
- a. 1st
  - b. 2nd

ANSWER: b

POINTS: 1

**Audio 3**

predict

LEVEL 1

ASSESSMENT ANSWER KEY

20. measure  
a. 1st  
b. 2nd

ANSWER: a

POINTS: 1

**Audio 4**  
measure

21. destroy  
a. 1st  
b. 2nd

ANSWER: b

POINTS: 1

**Audio 5**  
destroy

22. amount  
a. 1st  
b. 2nd

ANSWER: b

POINTS: 1

**Audio 6**  
amount

23. location  
a. 1st  
b. 2nd  
c. 3rd

ANSWER: b

POINTS: 1

**Audio 7**  
location

LEVEL 1

ASSESSMENT ANSWER KEY

24. quality  
a. 1st  
b. 2nd  
c. 3rd

ANSWER: a

POINTS: 1

**Audio 8**

quality

**Choose C for count noun or NC for noncount noun.**

25. food  
a. C  
b. NC

ANSWER: b

POINTS: 1

26. medicine  
a. C  
b. NC

ANSWER: b

POINTS: 1

27. umbrella  
a. C  
b. NC

ANSWER: a

POINTS: 1

LEVEL 1

ASSESSMENT ANSWER KEY

**Choose the word that best completes each sentence.**

28. There's \_\_\_\_\_ snow outside.

- a. a
- b. some
- c. any

ANSWER: b

POINTS: 1

29. I didn't have \_\_\_\_\_ problems.

- a. a
- b. some
- c. any

ANSWER: c

POINTS: 1

30. Did you bring \_\_\_\_\_ umbrella?

- a. an
- b. any
- c. a lot of

ANSWER: a

POINTS: 1

31. We don't have \_\_\_\_\_ time left.

- a. a
- b. some
- c. a lot of

ANSWER: c

POINTS: 1

## LEVEL 1

## ASSESSMENT ANSWER KEY

**Complete each sentence with the gerund or infinitive form of the verb in parentheses. If both patterns are possible, choose *both*.**

32. I enjoy \_\_\_\_\_ (listen) to the rain fall.

- a. listening
- b. listen
- c. both

ANSWER: a

POINTS: 1

33. She prefers \_\_\_\_\_ (stay) inside when it's hot.

- a. staying
- b. to stay
- c. both

ANSWER: c

POINTS: 1

34. Do you mind \_\_\_\_\_ (go) outside in this heat?

- a. going
- b. to go
- c. both

ANSWER: a

POINTS: 1

**Choose the correct meaning for the bold word(s).**

35. I **hate** rain. It always makes me feel sad.

- a. enjoy
- b. prefer
- c. really don't like

ANSWER: c

POINTS: 1



LEVEL 1

ASSESSMENT ANSWER KEY

36. I **really like** the climate here. It's never too hot or too cold.

- a. love
- b. don't mind
- c. can't stand

ANSWER: a

POINTS: 1

**Read the question. Think about how to respond. Then speak for up to 60 seconds.**

37. Talk about a time when the weather had an effect on your plans for a vacation or a fun day out.  
Did it have a good or bad effect? Explain.

ANSWER: Answers will vary. See Speaking Rubric.

POINTS: 3