

This week's story looks at events related to ...



What's happening in the news this week?



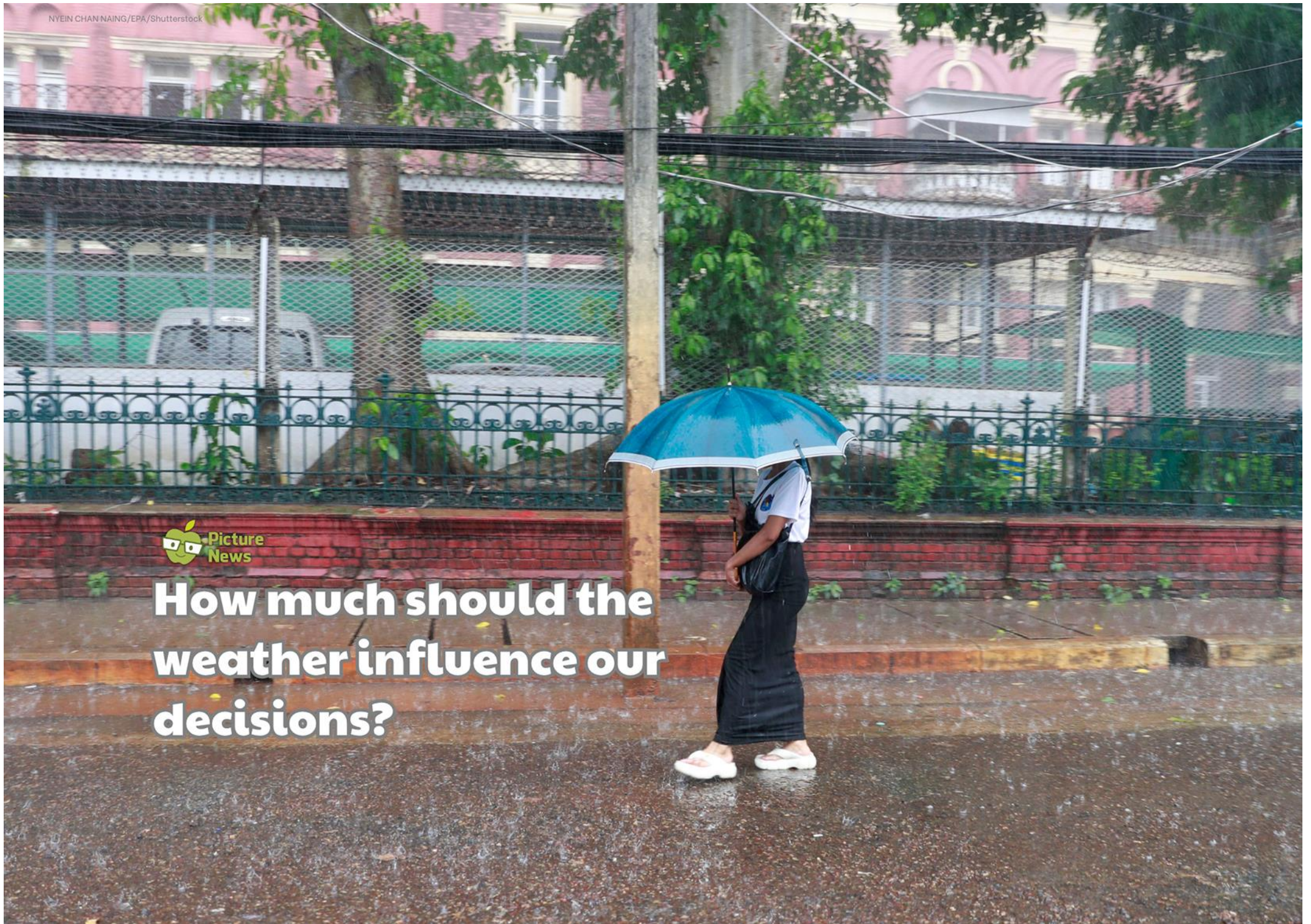
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Let's have a look at this week's poster!

29th June - 5th July 2026



How much should the weather influence our decisions?



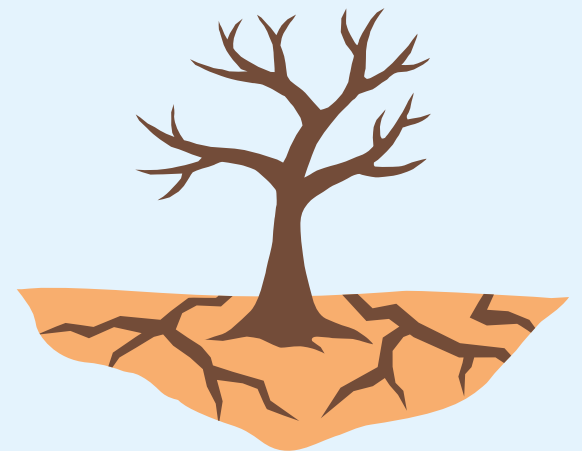


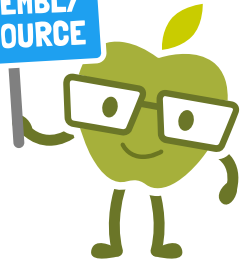
Let's look at this week's story

Scientists are monitoring a climate trend called El Niño, which begins in the Pacific Ocean and can affect weather in different parts of the world. It can bring heavy rain and flooding to some countries, while others may experience very hot, dry weather. Experts are helping communities understand what might happen in their area so they can be ready, if needed.



Learn more about this week's story [here](#).
Watch this week's useful video [here](#).
This week's Virtual Picture News [here](#).





Read the information found below, all about El Niño and the changes it can cause to weather in different countries.

What is El Niño?

El Niño is a natural climate trend that happens in the Pacific Ocean. It occurs when the surface waters in parts of the ocean become warmer than usual.

Although it starts thousands of miles away, El Niño can affect weather events in many different countries around the world.

What happens during El Niño?

El Niño can change weather patterns in different ways. It might cause:

- Heavy rain and flooding in some places
- Hotter, drier weather in others
- Challenges for farmers growing crops
- An increased risk of heatwaves and wildfires
- Changes to ocean habitats and the animals that live there

How do scientists know?

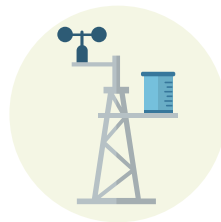
El Niño scientists use:



Satellites



Ocean buoys



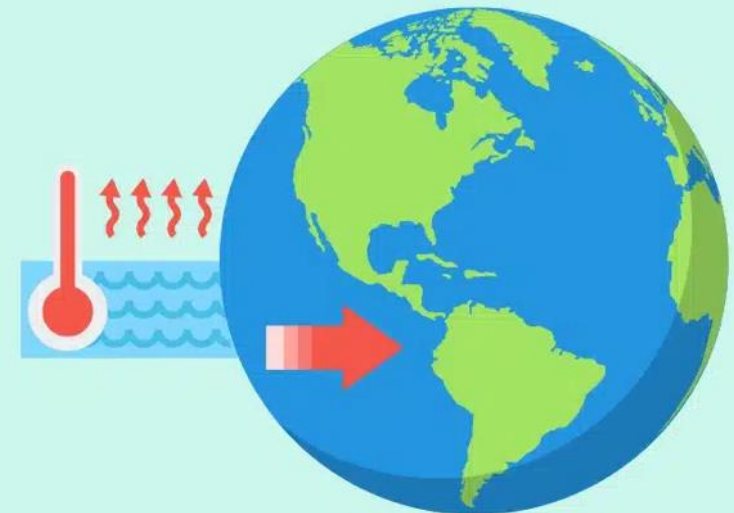
Weather stations



Computer models

This equipment helps scientists to monitor oceans, temperatures, rainfall, and predict how weather patterns may change.

El Niño



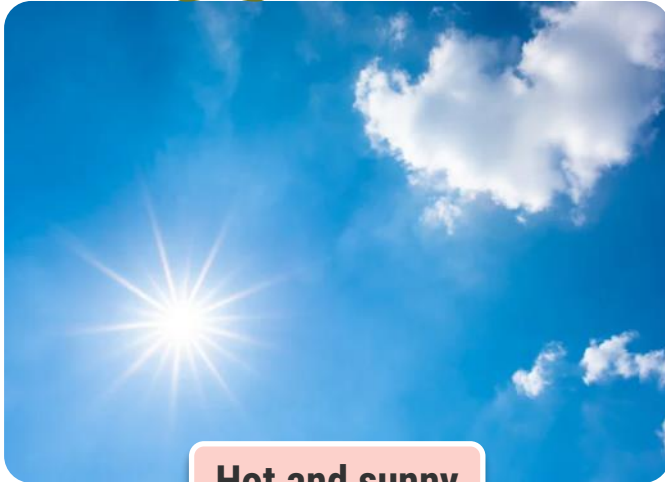
Warmer than average surface water temperatures in the Eastern Pacific Ocean, towards North & South America

Pictured: Effects of El Niño.
Source: Blue Planet Aquarium.

Should people change their plans or actions because of the weather?



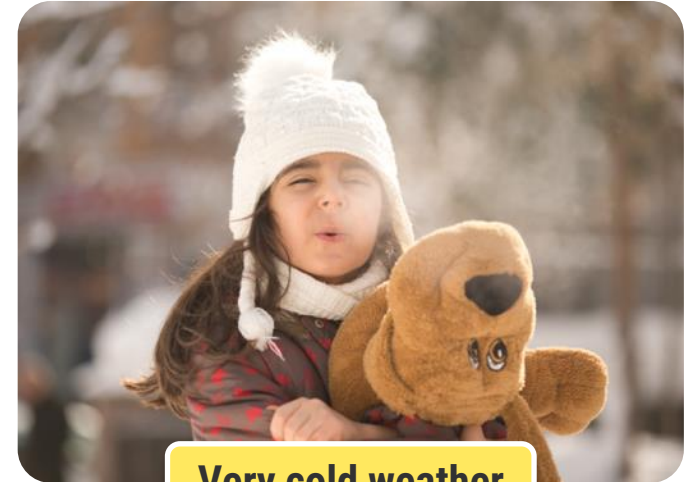
Look at the resource below, which shows some different types of weather.



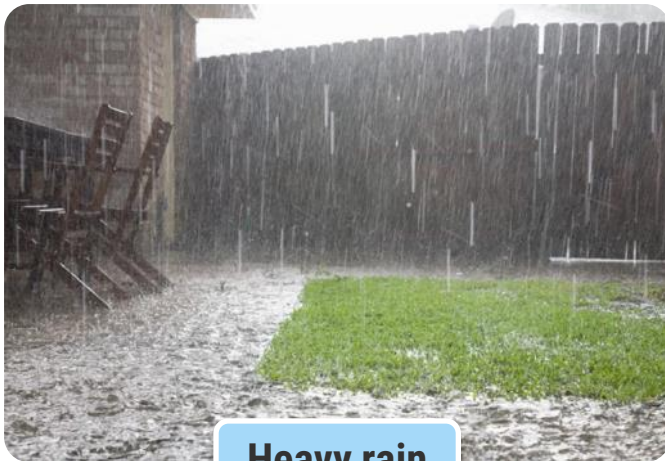
Hot and sunny



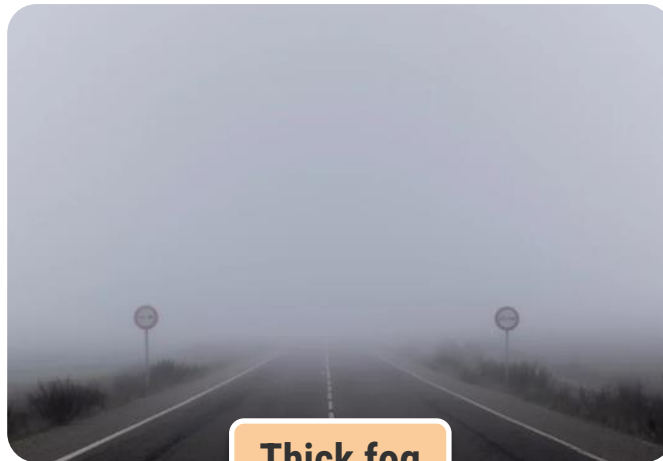
Strong winds



Very cold weather



Heavy rain



Thick fog



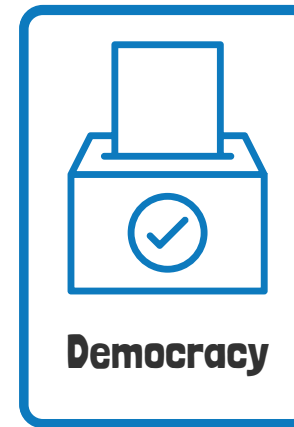
Thunder and lightning

**What type of weather can you see in each picture?
What would you do to prepare for each type of weather if it was forecast?**

British Values



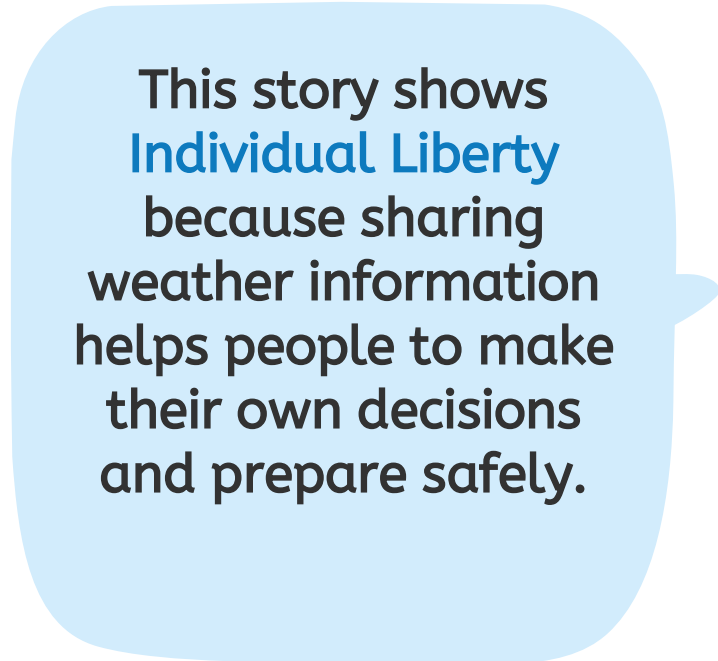
I Really Do Matter!



Which British value do you think this week's story highlights?



The story highlights **Mutual Respect and Tolerance** because scientists are working together to help and protect different communities all around the world.



This story shows **Individual Liberty** because sharing weather information helps people to make their own decisions and prepare safely.

Do you agree with either person, or think something different?

Protected Characteristics



Which protected characteristic do you think this week's story highlights?



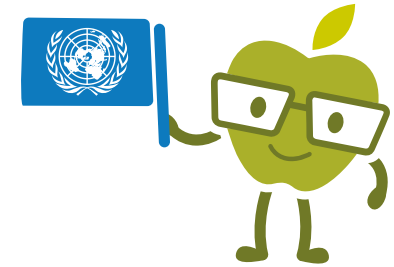
This highlights **disability** because communities should work together to ensure everyone is safe and comfortable, especially during extreme weather.

Share your thoughts. Do you agree?





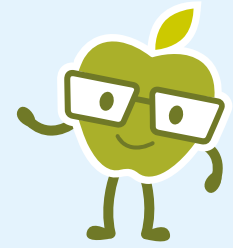
UN Rights of the Child



Scientists tracking El Niño can help communities prepare for extreme weather and keep children safe. Adults should make sure children are kept safe in all weathers.



Reflection



We cannot control the weather, but we can choose how we respond to it. By thinking carefully about the information we receive and considering how our choices affect ourselves and others, we can make thoughtful decisions when the future is uncertain.

