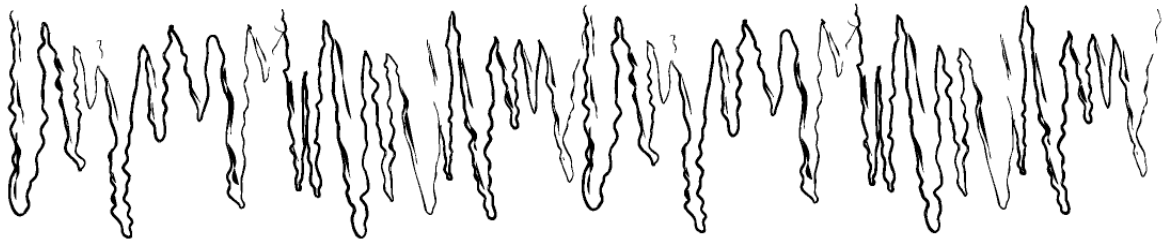


# Weather and dialect

In different parts of the country, people use dialect words and expressions, which are special to their area. A dialect is a way of speaking the language which is special to a particular place or ethnic group.

You may have a dialect in your area, or you may know people who speak in different dialects. We are lucky that there are many interesting dialects in the English language. People are often proud of the special dialect which belongs to their background.

Clinkerbell    Icelet    Barnacle    Icybell    Ice-candle    Clinker    Concubell    Izle



Hoar-frost

White-hime

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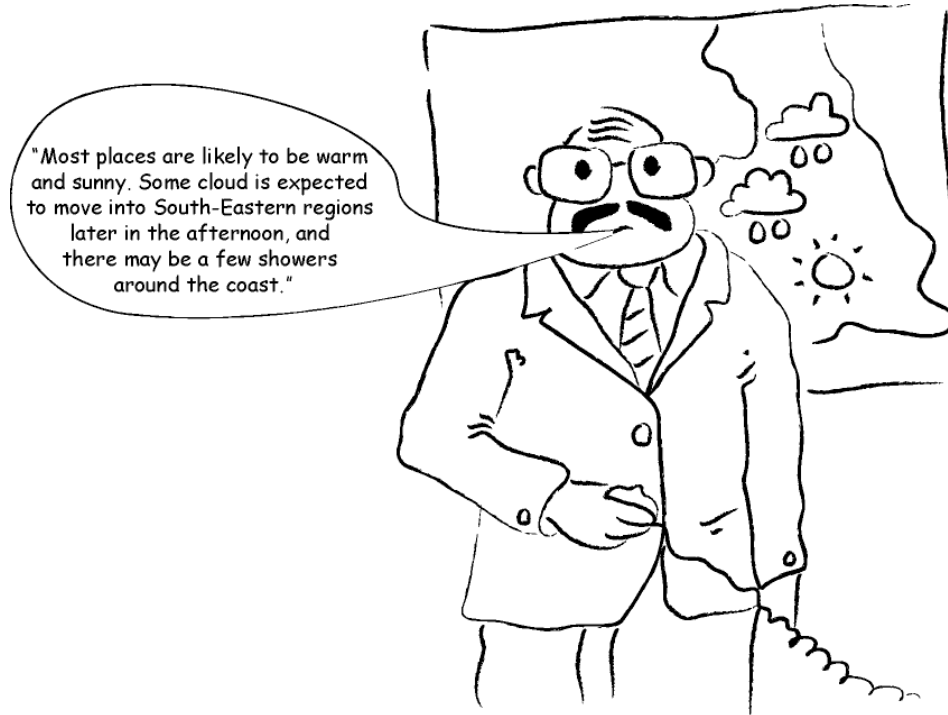
Rime

White-hind



We do not usually write in local or ethnic dialects. It is important that written English should be easy for all English speakers to read and understand, no matter where they come from. For this reason, there is one English dialect which should always be used for written English. It is called 'Standard English'.

You can speak in a standard dialect too. The people who read the news and weather forecasts on TV and radio always speak Standard English, so that everyone can understand, all over the country.



John Agard is a poet with a Caribbean background. He sometimes writes poems in 'Black English' dialect. This one is based on an old Jamaican proverb.

### **Roof Can Fool Sun, But Roof Can't Fool Rain**

Drip  
drop  
roof leaking  
sudden rain  
bucket time

and I can hear Granny  
talking to sheself again

'Well, some people think they so clever  
but they can't fool everybody forever.  
Roof can fool sun,  
but roof can't fool rain.  
Why that child taking so long to bring the mop?

Drip  
drop

**John Agard**