

Word list

audio – for broadcasting sound

visual – something you can see

Read

We can use **audio**, written and **visual** media to find information about the weather. Weather maps and charts use numbers and symbols.

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1. Read a weather forecast from a radio station.

Good morning, this is Adrian de Wet on the Early Show. For those of you who have just tuned in, this is the early morning weather report for Durban. I've got good news for all you beach lovers! The weather in Durban will be fine with clear skies this morning. No wind is forecast. Temperatures will become very hot by midday. In the late afternoon, the wind will pick up, reaching about 15 km an hour from the south-east by the early evening. Then, cloudy conditions and light showers are expected later tonight.

So that's the weather for today. And, if you are lucky enough to get to the beach, don't forget to take sunblock. It's going to be a scorching day.

After you read

1. What weather is expected for Durban in the morning?
 - a) Cloud and rain
 - b) Clear skies and no wind
 - c) Showers and overcast conditions
2. How will the weather change by the evening?
3. What is the purpose of a weather forecast?
4. Who do you think will be interested in this weather forecast?
5. What do these expressions mean?
 - a) The wind will pick up.
 - b) Light showers are expected.
 - c) The weather will be fine.
 - d) It will be a scorching day.