

Thundersnow (E2-E3)

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Rare thundersnow could cause travel problems and power cuts



Snowfall in Braemar, Scotland

The big chill has arrived in the UK. Yellow weather warnings forecast snow and ice in parts of western Scotland, northern England and Northern Ireland.

Chance of thundersnow

Thundersnow is expected to hit parts of the UK after the coldest night of the winter so far in Topcliffe, North Yorkshire. Yesterday, Topcliffe recorded a chilly -8°C overnight, the coldest temperature recorded in England this winter.

Thundersnow is similar to a regular thunderstorm but much rarer. It is a thunder and lightning storm with snow instead of rain. It can look different to a regular storm. Lightning can be much brighter when it reflects off snow. Thunder can be quieter when muffled by deep snow.

Thundersnow could disrupt travel and cause power cuts.

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1. What is the **main** purpose of the text?

a	to describe the snowy weather in Braemar	
b	to advise you what to do during a yellow weather warning	
c	to warn you about deep snow	
d	to tell you about thundersnow	

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2. Name two areas of the UK where there are yellow weather warnings.

3. What happened in Topcliffe?

4. What is thundersnow? Explain in your own words.

5. What is the meaning of the word **muffled**? (You can use a dictionary).

6. Why does lightning in thundersnow look brighter?

7. Explain why there are two capital letters in **Northern Ireland** and only one capital letter in **northern England**.

8. The word **lightning** is used in the text.

Explain the different meanings of **lightning** and **lightening**. You can use a dictionary.

9. Draw arrows to match each item to the correct organisational feature.

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