**Weather-Related**

Since February 1985, the average global temperature has been hotter every month than the 20th-century average for that month. That's 360 consecutive months of warmer-than-average global temperatures. *(Slate.com, as it appeared in The Week magazine, April 3, 2015)*

There's no such thing as bad weather, only unsuitable clothing. *(Alfred Wainwright)*

The beauty of a blanket of snow is best appreciated by people with short driveways. *(Safe Driver)*

**Soon after I moved to a small Massachusetts town, I experienced my first New England snowstorm. The accumulation reached six inches as I set out for work. In the parking lot, I recognized a man from my bowling league. "Guess there'll be no bowling tonight," I said. "Why not? What happened?" "Well, you know, the snow --" "Son," he replied, "you must not have noticed, but we bowl indoors." *(Phil Ryan, in Reader's Digest)***

**The British only occupied Washington, D.C., for about twenty-six hours after burning down the White House during the War of 1812, since a hurricane and a tornado hit the city shortly thereafter, killing many British troops and badly damaging their guns and ships. *(Don Voorhees, in The Indispensable Book of Useless Information, p. 211)***

**Chicago broke a 95-year-old weather record last week when the famously cold city on Lake Michigan logged its 67th consecutive day without an inch of snow, amid February temperatures in the 60s. *(WGNTV.com, as it appeared in The Week magazine, March 10, 2017)***

**Cities tend to be ten degrees hotter than the suburbs – because of the heat generated by the asphalt, sidewalks, and buildings – but some good does come of that, especially during the sweltering summer months. The higher temperatures prevent extreme low-pressure systems from forming, making cities virtually tornado-proof. *(Jeff Rovin, in The Incredible Truth!, p. 168)***

**The weather in parts of the country is clear and still -- clear up to your waist and still coming down. *("Almanac" in Minneapolis Tribune)***

**Climate is what you expect, weather is what you get. *(Robert Heinlein, author)***

**Deadly heat sweeps planet: If carbon emissions remain unchecked, a new study suggests, deadly heat waves will grow steadily worse, threatening up to 75 percent of the world's population by century's end. A team of researchers analyzed heat waves dating back to 1980, pinpointing 783 events that resulted in "excess human mortality," including the 1995 Chicago heat wave that killed 740 people and a similar occurrence in Moscow in 2010 that claimed 10,860 lives. They found that climate change is exacerbating extreme heat, spreading it like a global forest fire, NationalGeographic.com reports. Even with aggressive measures to curb greenhouse gas emissions, the researchers warn, by 2100 roughly 50 percent of people on Earth will have at least 20 days a year of deadly heat. "Our attitude toward the environment has been so reckless that we are running out of good choices for the future," says study lead author Camilo Mora. "For heat waves, our options are now between bad or terrible. Many people around the world are already paying the climate price." *(The Week magazine, July 7/July 14, 2017)***

**There were 20 separate weather and climate disasters in the U.S. last year that caused at least $1 billion in damage, according to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. Over the previous four decades, the country averaged eight such disasters per year. *(The Washington Post, as it appeared in The Week magazine, August 19, 2022)***

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**Don’t complain about the weather. It will find a way to get even. *(Doug Larson, United Feature Syndicate)***

**Don’t knock the weather; nine-tenths of the people couldn’t start a conversation if it didn’t change once in a while. *(Kin Hubbard)***

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In winter, the air in your house, if typical, is dryer than the winter air in Death Valley. *(L. M. Boyd)*

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**One forecaster, reporting on a violent dust storm in the Midwest, said, "Many surfaces such as cars and patio furniture may be coated with a thin layer of Texas and Oklahoma." *(Associated Press)***

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**Earth as a whole has not had a "cooler than average" month since December 1984. *(Axios.com, as it appeared in The Week magazine, June 22, 2018)***

**A weight clinic expert says those who keep both a daily food diary and daily weather notes soon learn they eat much more on rainy days. *(L. M. Boyd)***

**Drabble: “It never fails. Every time I wash my car, it rains!” Wife: “Oh, well. You’ve only washed it twice in the last five years!” Drabble: “It’s still pretty amazing!” *(Kevin Fagan, in Drabble comic strip)***

**On January 3, 1921, the very first weather report was broadcast over the radio on the University of Wisconsin's 9XM radio station. In 1915, the U.S. Department of Commerce granted the university an experimental radio station license with the call sign 9XM. In 1916, the station began transmitting weather reports in Morse code, requiring farmers to translate the dots and dashes into meaningful information. In 1921, after the invention of a "radiotelephone," the first weather broadcast was sent using spoken words. *(The Daily Chronicle)***

**Thickening late-morning fog made our travel through western Oregon almost impossible, so friends and I pulled off the highway for lunch at a cafe. Inside, the proprietor came to take our order, and we asked how long the fog would last. "Oh, these morning fogs don't last too long," he told us. "Why, this one ought to be over within half an hour." We settled down to eat, but after half an hour, the fog seemed to be as thick as ever. "Hey," I said, "it's still foggy out there!" "I know," the owner replied. Then, pointing to the clock on the wall, he added, "You see, the morning fog is done. It's these afternoon fogs that can last well into the day." *(Gary Nelson, in Discovery)***

**Bad week for: Folk wisdom, after the 2019 edition of The Old Farmer's Almanac predicted "above-normal temperatures almost everywhere" this winter, while the Farmers' Almanac called for "teeth-chattering cold." *(The Week magazine, January 11, 2019)***

**Genghis Khan's climate ally: One of the fiercest figures in world history, Genghis Khan united the tribes of Central Asia into a marauding army, massacred millions, and built the greatest land empire ever known. But now it seems he was aided by a factor beyond his ruthlessness and military prowess: the weather. As Smithsonian.com reports, an unprecedented warm and rainy period occurred in Central Asia in the early-13th century, around the time of Genghis Khan's boldest exploits. Researchers say the climate change promoted luxuriant grass growth, allowing the warrior's terrifying cavalry to roam widely while easily feeding their steeds and livestock. The findings are based on an analysis of tree rings taken from a stand of ancient pines in the Khangai Mountains of Central Mongolia, which allowed scientists to reconstruct the region's weather from A.D. 900 to the present. The "persistently wide" rings between 1215 and 1226 indicated exceptionally strong growth due to increased rainfall. The preceding years from 1180 to 1190, in contrast, were marked by severe drought, creating conditions for the Great Khan's rise. "The transition from extreme drought to extreme moisture right then strongly suggests that climate played a role in human events," says West Virginia University physical geographer Amy Hessl. *(The Week magazine, March 28, 2014)***

**A German soldier was riding in the backseat of a World War I plane when the engine suddenly stalled and he fell out of his seat while more than two miles above ground. As he was falling, the plane started falling too, and he was blown back into his seat by the wind. *(Noel Botham, in The World’s Greatest Book of Useless Information, p. 151)***

**By 2050, nine of the 21 cities to have hosted the Winter Olympics will likely be too warm to ever host the Games again, climatologists say. Researchers identified Sochi in Russia, Garmisch-Partenkirchen in Germany, and Vancouver in Canada as among the host cities where winter temperatures will be too mild to sustain even artificially made snow. *(The New York Times, as it appeared in The Week magazine, January 26, 2018)***

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**July was officially the hottest month since records began in 1880, with Earth's average surface temperature hitting 61.86 degrees Fahrenheit. July's average temperature was 1.46 degrees higher than the average for the 20th century, and 0.14 degrees above the previous hottest month, which occurred in 1998. *(Los Angeles Times, as it appeared in The Week magazine, September 4, 2015)***

**This summer was the planet’s hottest on record – by a significant margin. In June, July, and August, the global average temperature was 16.77 degrees Celsius, or 62.19 degrees Fahrenheit. That’s 0.66 degrees Celsius hotter than the average from 1990 to 2020 and 0.29 degrees above the previous record, set in 2019. *(The Guardian, as it appeared in The Week magazine, September 22, 2023)***

**The first five months of 2015 were the hottest since global records began in 1880, according to analyses by both NASA and NOAA. The data put 2015 on track to be the warmest year ever recorded, a title currently held by 2014. *(NYMag.com, as it appeared in The Week magazine, July 3, 2015)***

**So far this year, only January and April haven't broken global monthly temperature records, according to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. All seven of the other previous months were the hottest since records began in 1880 -- paving the way for 2015 to be the hottest documented year on Earth. *(Vox.com, as it appeared in The Week magazine, November 6, 2015)***

**New data show that 2020 was tied with 2016 for the hottest year on record. The past six years are the six hottest on record. *(CNN.com, as it appeared in The Week magazine, January 22, 2021)***

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**The Atlantic hurricane season produced 30 named storms, the most in history. Twelve of them made landfall -- beating a record of nine that's held since 1916 -- and 10 of them hit in September, a record for a single month. There were six major hurricanes of Category 3 or above. *(Houston Chronicle, ass it appeared in The Week magazine, December 11, 2020)***

**Hurricane Who? We’ve been naming storms since the 19th century, thanks to a meteorologist in Australia who started naming them after politicians he disliked. Using female names caught on in the United States in the 1950s. Weather reports even included sexist cliches about “temperamental” storms “flirting” with coasts. Male names got folded into the mix by 1979, after Florida feminist Roxcy Bolton campaigned for equality. *(Caitlin Stall-Paquet, in Reader’s Digest)***

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[**If Earth continues on its current warming trajectory, the average 6-year-old will experience three times as many climate disasters as their grandparents, according to a new study. They will see twice as many wildfires, more than three times more river floods, and 36 times the number of heat waves as someone born in 1960. *(Axios.com, as it appeared in The Week magazine, October 8, 2021)***](http://www.bbc.co.uk/)

**All of us could take a lesson from the weather. It pays no attention to criticism. *(S.C.U.C.A. Regional Reporter)***

**Money is the opposite of the weather. Nobody talks about it, but everybody does something about it. *(Rebecca Johnson, in Vogue)***

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**A snowstorm is raging outside, and Fred and Sharon are glued to the local weather report. “Tonight,” says the weatherman, “you’ll need to park your car on the even side of the street.” Fred puts on his boots, coat and scarf and moves their car across the street. The second day of the storm, the weatherman tells everyone to park their cars on the odd side of the street. Fred bundles up again and moves the car. The third night, the power goes out, “What do we do?” Fred asks. Sharon shrugs, “Let’s just leave the car in the garage tonight.” *(Lyle Gruen, in Reader’s Digest)***

**Good week for: Moving to Mars, parts of which were actually warmer this week than some parts of Canada. In Edmonton and Yellowknife, wind-chills made it feel like minus 40, compared with a balmy 9 below in Mars's Gale Crater, as measured by NASA's Curiosity rover. *(The Week magazine, January 12, 2018)***

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**If Noah had consulted with modern-day forecasters, there would have been a ten-percent chance of him building the ark. *(Jim Fiebig, NANA)***

**There is no good in arguing with the inevitable. The only argument available with an east wind is to put on your overcoat. *(Longfellow)***

**Some German doctors say they're convinced patients are more likely to hemorrhage on days of high humidity. They postpone elective surgery in muggy weather. *(L. M. Boyd)***

**It might seem curious that the Pilgrims settled in relatively harsh New England-to-be rather than in the south. The truth is, they hadn’t planned it that way. But they were off-course and out of food and drink when they reached land, so the future Massachusetts became their home. *(Jeff Rovin, in The Incredible Truth!, p. 149)***

**Furcast: A friend of mine predicts a hard winter. He says that the fur on squirrels in his yard is very thick. And another friend also predicts a hard winter. He says the fur on his wife's coat is getting very thin. *(Ashley Cooper, in Charleston, S.C., News and Courier)***

**Reports a Maine man, "We get four real pretty seasons, but they don't always take their turn." *(L. M. Boyd)***

**The rule on staying alive as a forecaster is to give them a number or give 'em a date, but never give 'em both at once. *(Jane Bryant Quinn)***

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**Rain is caused by high-pressure areas, cold fronts, warm, moist air and weekends. *(Paul Sweeney, in The Quarterly)***

**A Spokane disc jockey read what he claimed was a letter from his mother in Seattle. "It's been beautiful weather here this past week," she wrote. "It's rained only twice -- once for two days and once for four." *(Quoted by Don Kardong, in Thirty Phone Booths to Boston)***

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**Even while the Midwest and Eastern Seaboard have experienced record cold this winter, the West Coast and Alaska are experiencing record warmth. In the last month, there have been 3,829 record-setting daily high temperatures in the U.S., and just 386 records for daily low temperatures. In parts of Alaska last week, it was 56 degrees. *(Mashable.com, as it appeared in The Week magazine, March 6, 2015)***

There is no such thing as bad weather. All weather is good because it is God's. *(St. Theresa of Avila)*

A visitor to Dr. Albert Schweitzer’s hospital in Africa noticed that there were no thermometers anywhere. He asked the doctor why. “We don’t dare use them,” was the reply. “If we knew how hot it really was, we wouldn’t be able to stand it.” *(Bits & Pieces)*

**When it's 100 in New York, it's 72 in Los Angeles. When it's 30 degrees in New York, in Los Angeles it's still 72. However, there are 2 million interesting people in New York -- and 72 in Los Angeles. *(Neil Simon)***

**January 31, 1977, was the first time in the annals of meteorological record-keeping that the 48 contiguous states all had snow on the ground. *(Jeff Rovin, in The Incredible Truth!, p. 168)***

**On the bus: "The weather was so bad during my vacation that it was like spending two weeks in a car wash." *(Edward Stevenson, in Reader's Digest)***

**There is little chance that meteorologists can solve the mysteries of weather until they gain an understanding of the mutual attraction of rain and weekends. *(Arnot L. Sheppard, Jr., in Reader's Digest)***

**The U.S. was hit with at least 219 tornadoes in March, the highest number since record keeping began in 1950 and nearly triple the historical annual average of 80. The previous record was set last year with 191. Two trends are at work, say experts: more extreme weather events overall, and a strong “La Nina” weather pattern in the Pacific Ocean. *CNN.com, as it appeared in The Week magazine, April 15, 2022)***

**The trouble with weather forecasting is that it's right too often for us to ignore it and wrong too often for us to rely on it. *(Patrick Young)***

**When the Turks see bats fly in daylight, they assume they're about to get an earthquake. *(L. M. Boyd)***

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**Mark Twain was leaving church one day with his friend William Dean Howells when it started to rain heavily. Howells glanced at the deluge and said, “Do you think it will stop?’ “It always has,” replied Twain. *(Bits & Pieces)***

Everyone complains about the weather but nobody does anything about it. (*Mark Twain)*

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**Every vacation has at least two good days of weather – the day you leave and the day you get back. *(Bits & Pieces)***

**"We have just two seasons," comments a St. Paul, Minnesota, cabdriver. "Winter and fixing up the streets." *(Quoted by Nan Tillson Birmingham, in Town & Country)***

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**Last month was the warmest October globally since weather records began being kept in the late 1800s. With greenhouse-gas levels climbing to their highest levels in 800,000 years, this year has also produced the warmest April, May, June, August, and September on record. *(Slate.com, as it appeared in The Week magazine, November 28, 2014)***

**Including 2007, seven of the eight warmest years on record worldwide have occurred since 2001, the National Climate Center reported. The 10 warmest years have all occurred since 1997. *(Associated Press, as it appeared in The Week magazine, December 28, 2007/January 11, 2008)***

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**Among the 19 cities that have hosted the Winter Olympics -- including Calgary, Alberta; Chamonix, France; Nagano, Japan; and Oslo -- the average February temperature has increased from 32 in the 1920s to 46 degrees today. *(Bloomberg.com, as it appeared in The Week magazine, March 20, 2015)***

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