

## it

A

We use **it** for time/day/distance/weather:

time



- What time is **it**?
- It's** 10:30.
- It's** late.
- It's** time to go home.

day



- What day is **it**?
- It's** Thursday.
- It's** March 16th.
- It** was my birthday yesterday.

distance



- It's** two miles from our house to downtown.
- How far is **it** from New York to Los Angeles?
- It's** a long way from here to the airport.
- We can walk home. **It** isn't far.

We use **far** in questions (**is it far?**) and negatives (**it isn't far**).  
In affirmative sentences, we use **a long way** (**it's a long way**).

weather



- It's** raining. **It** isn't raining. **Is** it snowing?
- It** rains a lot here. **It** didn't rain yesterday.  
Does **it** snow very often?
- It's** warm/hot/cold/nice/cloudy/windy/sunny/clear/dry/humid/rainy/foggy/dark, etc.
- It's** a nice day today.

Compare **it** and **there**:

- It rains** a lot in the winter.  
**It's** very **rainy** in the winter.
- There is a lot of rain** in the winter.
- It** was very **windy** yesterday.  
**There was a strong wind** yesterday.

B

**It's nice to . . . , etc.****It's**

easy / difficult / impossible / dangerous / safe  
expensive / interesting / nice / wonderful / terrible, etc.

**to . . .**

- It's nice to see you again.**
- It's impossible to understand her.**
- It wasn't easy to find your house.**

C

Don't forget **it**:

- It's** raining again. (*not Is raining again*)
- Is **it** true that you're moving to Dallas? (*not Is true that . . .*)

# Exercises

# Unit 37

## 37.1 Write about the weather in the pictures. Use **It's**....



1 It's raining.

2

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4

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## 37.2 Write **it is** (**it's**) or **is it**.

1 What time **is it**?

2 We have to go now. .... very late.

3 ..... true that Bill can fly a helicopter?

4 "What day ..... today? Tuesday?" "No, ..... Wednesday."

5 ..... 10 miles from downtown to the airport.

6 ..... OK to call you at the office?

7 "Do you want to walk to the hotel?" "I don't know. How far .....?"

8 ..... Rachel's birthday today. She's 27.

9 I don't believe it! ..... impossible.

## 37.3 Write questions with **How far** ...?

1 (here / the station) ..... **How far is it from here to the station?**

2 (the hotel / the beach) ..... **How** .....

3 (New York / Washington) .....

4 (your house / the airport) .....

## 37.4 Write **it** or **there**.

1 The weather isn't so nice today. **It** 's cloudy.

2 **There** was a strong wind yesterday.

3 ..... 's hot in this room. Open a window.

4 ..... was a nice day yesterday. ..... was warm and sunny.

5 ..... was a storm last night. Did you hear it?

6 I was afraid because ..... was very dark.

7 ..... 's often cold here, but ..... isn't much rain.

8 ..... 's a long way from here to the nearest gas station.

## 37.5 Complete the sentences. Choose from the boxes.

it's	easy	dangerous	to	work here	get up early
	difficult	nice		visit different places	go out alone
	impossible	interesting		see you again	make friends

1 If you go to bed late, ..... **It's difficult to get up early** ..... in the morning.

2 Hello, Jane. ..... How are you?

3 ..... There is too much noise.

4 Everybody is very nice at work.

5 I like traveling.

6 Some cities are not safe. ..... at night.