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

time



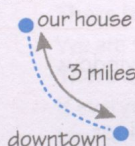
- ☐ What time is **it**?
- ☐ **It's** 10:30.
- ☐ **It's** late.
- ☐ **It's** time to go home.

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 ...
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- ☐ **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 ...)

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



- 1

It's raining.
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5
- 6

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

~~difficult~~

impossible

dangerous

nice

interesting

to

work here

visit different places

see you again

~~get up early~~

go out alone

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.