

Прочитайте, переведите текст и ответьте по нему на вопросы письменно.

The climate of Great Britain

A) Great Britain *is situated* on the *islands*. It *is washed* by seas from all the sides. That's why the climate and the nature of Great Britain are very specific. It is not very cold in winter and never very hot in summer. There is no ice on the lakes and rivers in winter. It seldom snows. It rains very often in all the seasons. The weather *changes* very often. All this is *due to the influence* of the Gulf Stream.

The English also say that there are three variants of weather: when it rains in the morning, when it rains in the afternoon or when it rains all day long. The *driest* period is from March to June and the wettest months are from October to January. The *average* temperature is from 5 to 23 degrees above zero. Sometimes the temperature *rises* to 30 degrees above zero in summer and *falls* to 10 degrees below zero in winter.

So, we may say that the British climate has three *main features*: it is *mild, humid* and changeable. This humid and mild climate is good for plants. Trees and flowers begin *to blossom* very early in spring.

B) The climate of Great Britain is *mild*, temperate and *wet*. In the country it is not hot in summer and it is not very cold in winter. Spring is very beautiful season because everything is *covered* with flowers. Autumn is *wet* and cool. In January average temperature is from 3 to 7 degrees below zero and in July it is from 16-17 degrees above zero. It often rains in Great Britain. It does not often snow in Great Britain. The weather *changes* very quickly. In the morning it may be shining brightly and in the afternoon it may rain. That is why radio and television inform people about weather *forecast* very often. The British *joke* is "In other countries it is climate, in Britain we have weather."

is situated – расположена	Вопросы: 1. Why are the climate and the nature of Great Britain very specific? 2. What is winter like? 3. What is summer like? 4. Is there ice on the lakes and rivers in winter? 5. Does it snow often or seldom? 6. Does it rain often or seldom? 7. Why does the weather change very often? 8. What do the English say about the weather?
islands – острова	
is washed – омывается	
changes – меняется	
due to – благодаря	
the influence – влияние	
average – средний	
rises – поднимается	
falls – падает	
main features – основные черты	

<p>mild – мягкий</p> <p>humid – влажный</p> <p>to blossom – цвести</p> <p>dry – сухой</p> <p>wet – влажный, мокрый</p> <p>covered – покрытый</p> <p>forecast – прогноз</p> <p>joke – шутка</p>	<p>9. What is the driest period?</p> <p>10. What are the wettest months?</p> <p>11. What are the main features of the British climate?</p> <p>12. Is the climate good for plants? What proves it?</p>
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