

Weather Data

A resource for teachers within the 'Spring' theme for learning (Junior Cycle Geography).

This resource is intended to support students in learning key terminology and instruments used when gathering and using weather data.

Key Terminology:

Data Information and facts collected for analysis

Instrument The piece of equipment used to gather data

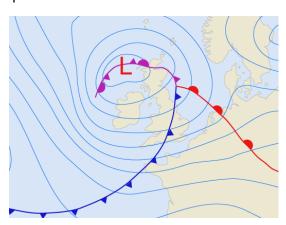
Unit The measurement quantity

Example - degrees Celsius (°C) = a measurement of temperature

Mapping Data Lines drawn on a map joining places of equal temperature, wind

speed, pressure etc.

Example - isobars look like this





	Instrument	Unit	Mapping Data (lines on map)
Temperature	Minimum/Maximum Thermometer	°C	isotherms
Sunshine	Campbell Stokes Recorder	hours per day	isohels
Rainfall	Rain Gauge	mm	isohyets
Wind Speed	Anemometer	km per hour	isotachs
Pressure	Barometer	millibars or hectopascals	isobars



Fill in the Blanks Activity:

Fill in the blank table below. Draw the weather instruments and write in the missing terms. You could also cut out the parts of the completed table (above) and use them to play a matching game.

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Temperature			
Sunshine			
Rainfall			
Wind Speed			
Pressure			