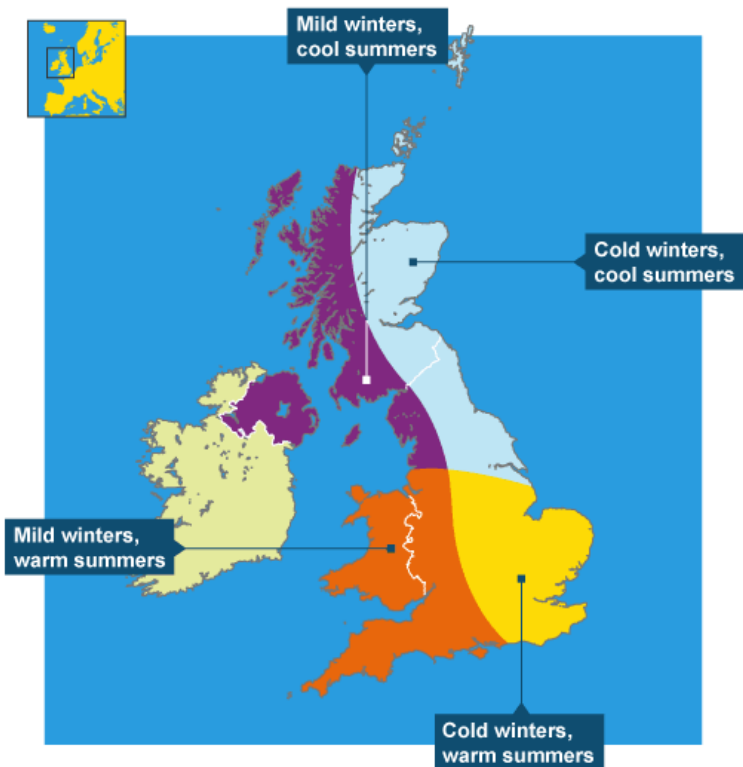
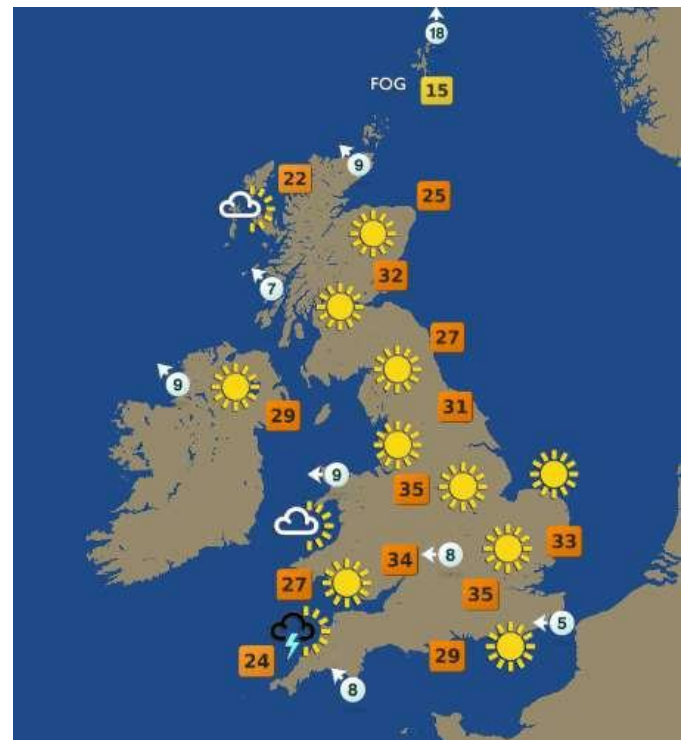


## Lesson two: UK Climate Factsheet



Climatic zones of the UK



Typical August temperatures in the UK

**Climate:** the UK's climate varies according to season and location but, on the whole, can be described as mild with few extremes. The overall climate is called **temperate maritime**. This means that it is mild with temperatures not much lower than 0°C in winter and not much higher than 32°C in summer. It also means that it is damp and is subject to frequent changes. The main influences on our climate are the Atlantic Ocean, our northern latitude, and the warming of the waters around the land by the Gulf Stream (a warm current of the northern Atlantic Ocean).

July and August are normally the warmest month in England. Around the coasts, January and February are usually the coldest months. May, June, September and October generally have pleasant temperatures and less rain. July and August are the warmest months, but they are also the wettest. The sunniest parts of the Britain are along the south coast of England.

Rain is fairly well distributed throughout the year, with late winter/spring (February to March) the driest period and autumn/winter (October to January) the wettest. The Lake District is England's wettest region, receiving an average of 130 inches (330 centimetres) of precipitation each year. The western and northern hills receive about 40 inches (102 centimetres) of rain, while the east coast receives about 20 inches (51 centimetres).