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## Weather in Spain

For many tourists, the reason they come to Spain is because of the weather. Northern Europeans flock to Spain to lie on Spain's famous beaches which supposedly guarantee sun all day, every day. However, the weather in Spain isn't as simple as that. One of the biggest myths about Spain is that the weather is always good. The weather in Spain is actually very similar to the weather in the United States - different parts of the country have different climates.

In the northern regions of Spain, the weather is typically hot in the summer and cold in the winter. In Barcelona right now, for example, the temperature is in the 40s, which is similar to what it is like in Pennsylvania.

In Madrid, which is slightly to the southeast of Barcelona, the altitude is very high, causing the weather to be unpredictable. May is well known for being very sunny and warm one day, and very rainy the next. June July and August can be extremely hot, while the winter months can reach freezing temperatures.

The south of Spain is known as Costa del Sol because of the warm weather and great beaches. We could compare the south of Spain to Florida. During the summer months, some parts of Andalucia can reach over 100 degrees! While the south of Spain is known for its' warm temperatures, the Sierra Nevada Mountains bring low temperatures at night.

The regions of Galicia and Asturias are the greenest regions of Spain - and for green you need rain! These regions are good for people who don't like the freezing cold. Because these regions are so close to the coast, extreme heat is also rare. The average monthly temperature in Galicia and Asturias is about 52 degrees.

The coldest part of Spain is in the city of Salamanca, which is located in the region of Castilla y León. In Salamanca, you are as far northwest as you can get before the warming effect of the sea comes into force. This is one of the few towns in Spain that gets snow. Summer temperatures are warm and pleasant, but this is not a place to get a tan!

A. Read each statement. Circle T if the statement is true, circle F if it is false.

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| 1. The weather is <i>always</i> good in Spain.                     | T | F |
| 2. The weather in Barcelona is similar to the weather in PA.       | T | F |
| 3. Andalucía's temperatures can reach 100 degrees.                 | T | F |
| 4. <sup>Galacia</sup> Salamanca has the most rain in Spain.        | T | F |
| 5. Asturias is a good place for people who hate the freezing cold. | T | F |

B. Use the word bank below to complete the sentences about weather in Spain.

otoño	verano	invierno	llueve
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- En el norte, hace fresco en el otoño.
- En el sur, hace mucho calor en el verano.
- En la costa, llueve mucho.
- En el oeste, hace mucho frío en el invierno.

