

## WORKSHEET: STORMY CONDITIONS!

### 1) Look at the picture:

a) Describe what you see (5 stc)

*In the picture there is ...*

b) Say what might have happened (5 stc)

*There might have been ...*



### 2) Read the text and tick True or False; Write the correct answer where necessary:

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#### **Storm Pummels Southland a Day After North Is Swamped**

By Charles Piller and Lee Romney, Times Staff Writers  
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A powerful Pacific rainstorm began pounding Southern California on Sunday and threatens to set off flooding and mudslides as heavier downpours blow ashore this morning. Wind gusts up to 70 mph are forecast in the mountains of Ventura County and other areas north of Los Angeles.

The last in a series of storms to hit California's coast in recent days, the new rains struck a day after widespread flooding caused extensive damage to communities just north of San Francisco. Authorities reported at least one storm-related death.

Tens of thousands of Bay Area residents still had no electricity Sunday afternoon — down from as many as 500,000 who went without power over the New Year's weekend. Near Lake Tahoe, mudslides and fallen rocks closed a major highway, snarling holiday traffic.

a) The storms did no severe damage T F

b) The rain has already ended T F

c) There will be strong winds in the mountains T F

d) There have not been any storms in the past few days in California T F

e) In the San Francisco area, storms have caused severe damage T F

f) No-one has lost there life in the course of the storm so far T F






g) No problems were reported concerning power supply T F

h) Traffic was congested because of too many tourists near Lake Tahoe T F

### 3) Writing; Use the weather forecast for Los Angeles below (180 – 250 words):

- a) You are a weather reporter on TV. Talk about the current situation (using all the information from above), and how the weather situation will develop in the near future; don't forget to give good advice (especially for flood prone areas...)
- b) Write a dialogue: A Los Angeles resident who lives in a flood prone area calls '911' (the US emergency number). What might have happened? What might the resident ask? What might the person on the other end of the phone (rescue worker, fire fighter,...) say?

**5 Day Forecast**

Today	Tomorrow	Wed	Thu	Fri
				
Heavy Rain/Wind High: <b>15°</b> Low: <b>10°</b>	Mostly Sunny High: <b>17°</b> Low: <b>9°</b>	Partly Cloudy High: <b>21°</b> Low: <b>10°</b>	Sunny High: <b>21°</b> Low: <b>11°</b>	Mostly Sunny High: <b>22°</b> Low: <b>10°</b>

**Today:** Windy with rain and a few thunderstorms this morning, mainly cloudy during the afternoon with more rain likely, possibly heavy at times. High around 60F. Winds S at 20 to 30 mph. Rainfall over two inches. Flooding is possible in flood prone areas.

**Tonight:** Rain showers ending this evening with clearing overnight. Low near 50F. WSW winds at 10 to 15 mph, diminishing to less than 5 mph. Chance of rain 90%. Rainfall around a half an inch.

**Tomorrow:** A few clouds in the morning, but mainly sunny. High 63F. Winds light and variable.

**Tomorrow night:** Generally clear skies with a few passing clouds. Low 49F. Winds light and variable.

**Wednesday:** Mix of sun and clouds. Highs in the low 70s and lows in the low 50s.

**Thursday:** Mainly sunny. Highs in the low 70s and lows in the low 50s.

**Friday:** Plenty of sun. Highs in the low 70s and lows in the low 50s.