

Verbes du Temps

Weather Verbs

present tense

Weather verbs are very funny verbs. They are used only in the third person singular – il/cela/ça – an impersonal form. Most of the time, the two verbs used to describe the weather are faire (Il fait beau) and y avoir (Il y a du vent). However, there are more specific verbs, such as the following:

infinitive	pronoun	conjugation	English
bruiner	il/cela/ça	bruine	it drizzles/is drizzling
grêler	il/cela/ça	grêle	it hails/is hailing
grésiller	il/cela/ça	grésille	it is sleeting
neiger	il/cela/ça	neige	it snows/is snowing
pleuvoir	il/cela/ça	pleut	it rains/is raining
tempêter	il/cela/ça	tempête	there is a storm
tonner	il/cela/ça	tonne	it thunders/is thundering
venter	il/cela/ça	vente	the wind blows/is blowing
verglacer	il/cela/ça	verglace	there is black ice

In context

It's really snowing.

→ Il neige fortement.

→ Ça neige fortement. [more colloquial]

It never drizzles in the spring.

→ Il ne bruine jamais au printemps.

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