

# INTRODUCING METEOROLOGY

## A GUIDE TO WEATHER

### SECOND EDITION

In many parts of the world the weather forms a daily topic of conversation. In others it hardly changes from one week to the next. However, human life is governed by the weather which affects much of our activity, from farming to fishing and from shopping to holiday-making.

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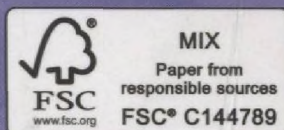
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