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Hi all, Could you please explain to me which the correct answer is? Thanks in advance.  
Question 37: We couldn't go out because the weather was so bad.  
A. It was so bad a weather that we couldn't go out.  
B. It was such a bad weather that we couldn't go out.  
C. It was so bad weather that we couldn't go out.  
D. It was such bad weather that we couldn't go out.  
Personally I think the correct answer is B not D.  
P/s: In Cambridge Advanced Learner's Dictionary, I find this example: Did you have a good time at the party? (Is the word "time" an uncountable noun?)  
'Time' can be countable but 'weather' isn't, so we can't talk about 'a weather' nor can we use weather in the plural.  
Pray not to live in interesting times.  
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Thank you for your posting. It's really useful to me. Thank you so much.  
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Please imagine we are having a good weather today and we'd like it will continue tomorrow in the way it is right now. Which one of the following bold phrases can complete my sentence in a manner that it could convey this message naturally and idiomatically?  
I hope the weather stays as it is tomorrow.  
I hope the weather will stay as it is tomorrow.  
I hope the weather remains as it is tomorrow.  
I hope the weather will remain as it is tomorrow.  
I hope the weather holds up as it is tomorrow.  
I hope the weather will hold up as it is tomorrow.  
For me, all the sentences above work properly, but I have no any idea if they sound natural to you or not.  
If none of them is natural, then please let me know how a native would say such a thing?  
"Stays the same" would be my choice, with "remains the same" a close second.  
"Stays/remains as it is" are acceptable alternatives.  
"Holds up" works on its own, and should not be followed by "as it is".  
"Will" is possible, but something like "will remain as it is" isn't at all natural.  
Someone might say "will stay the same", though.  
Thank you very much; but it would be a great answer if you do me a favor and explain how shall I differentiate between these three verbs semantically in this sense?  
I mean "hold up" with "remain" and "stay".  
The two later verbs are clear by themselves, but I don't know how should I interpret the verb "hold up" in this case?  
I wouldn't use "hold up as it is" like that.  
I think "hold up" is really a phrasal verb which just means to last.  
It isn't really that "hold up" is a phrasal verb - you could say "I hope the weather holds" without any preposition, where "hold" means: (intransitive) (of the weather) to remain dry and bright  
This is from the Collins Concise (British) English Dictionary entry in hold - WordReference.com Dictionary of English.  
I don't think AmE usage is different, although neither of the AmE dictionaries have such a specific entry.  
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Should we use "will" or "be going to" with weather forecasts?  
For example, The weather forecast says that it (will-is going to) rain tomorrow.  
I read that "will" is mostly used. But what's confusing me is that "be going to" is supposed to be used when there's evidence behind the prediction, which is always the case with forecasts; they always predict based on evidence. So, why do they use "will"? "... "be going to" is supposed to be used when there's evidence behind the prediction, ..."