

Storm Arwen: Thousands across England remain without power, and some are stuck in the pub!

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Vocabulary

Transport networks

To suffer disruption

In the aftermath of ...

Raging across the UK

Severe

Meaning

The transport Network is the train, road and bus networks that allow people to travel around the country.

Disruption means something is stopping something else from working properly. So, if the transport network has suffered from disruption, something else has affected it. So, the buses and trains are either delayed or cancelled.

This means after the event. So, what happened after the storm had come and gone. It is used to show something bad / negative happened.

If a storm is raging across the UK, the storm is so severe / very bad, that it is affecting the UK in a big way.

This means very bad. So, a severe storm means a very bad storm.



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**Vocabulary****Snowbound****Due to****To be snowed in****Heavy snowfall****A snowball's chance in hell****Stranded****Rock the night away****In good spirits****Dampen their spirits****Bitter cold****Biting wind****As snug as a bug in a rug****Meaning**

If you are snowbound, you are stuck somewhere and cannot leave because of the heavy snow.

This means 'because of.'

If you are snowed in, you are stuck somewhere because of heavy snow. You cannot go anywhere because of the heavy snow.

This means that there was a lot of snow. A common mistake is 'big snowfall.' You should say 'heavy snowfall.'

This means that what you want to do or achieve has no chance of happening. It has 0% chance.

If you are stranded, you are stuck somewhere and can't leave because there is a problem.

This means to enjoy the night.

If you are in good spirits, you are happy and positive about things.

If something dampens your spirits, it makes you feel unhappy. If nothing can dampen your spirits, you will always stay happy.

This means to be very, very cold.

A biting wind is one that is so cold it goes right through you. Your whole body shakes with the cold and you feel very uncomfortable.

This means to be very warm and very comfortable.

Main Article

Thousands of people across England remain without power and **transport networks** continue to suffer disruption in the aftermath of Storm Arwen raging across the UK. The storm was so **severe** that many are still waiting for electricity to be reconnected.

However, some lucky people, were **snowbound** in Britain's highest pub for 2 nights **due to** 3 feet of snow.

Around 60 customers at Britain's highest pub, which is 528m above sea level, were enjoying a drink when they realised they were **snowed in** by **heavy snowfall**. They had a **snowball's chance in hell** of getting home.

Guests became **stranded** at the Tan Hill Inn, in the Yorkshire Dales, on Friday night after going to watch a band and **rock the night away**. They were unable to leave the next day because of snow blocking the main roads home.

The pub manager said everyone had remained **in good spirits**. Well, I am not surprised as free beer and food were offered while they were **snowbound**. This seems like a great night out.

Many, including members of the band, had to sleep in the pub's lounge. Nothing could **dampen their spirits** as free entertainment was put on over the two days. They even tried to build snowmen but the **bitter cold** and **biting wind** prevented them from going outside.

They were **as snug as a bug in a rug**.

All managed to get home safely. A perfect night out, or two!



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