



A dust cloud from the Sahara has been moving across Europe, and it turned skies bright orange in Spain.

Satellite images clearly showed the cloud over France, where it dusted slopes in the south of the country. The orange **hue** was also visible in Switzerland and southern Germany. Forecasters said that the cloud could **potentially** reach as far as the south of the UK; however, the impact wouldn't be significant.

Strong winds from Storm Celia drove the dust more than 2,500 kilometers from Algeria and Morocco. Scientists described the dust storm as extraordinary and very intense, and Spanish authorities recommended citizens use face masks outside and avoid outdoor exercise. The storm brought much-needed rain to Spain after its **drought**.

Difficult words: **hue** (a color or shade), **potentially** (possible), **drought** (a long period of low or no rainfall).

**Discussion Questions****Topic Talk**

1. Define the following words: *hue, potentially and drought*
2. What caused the skies in Spain to turn into bright orange?
3. Which other countries in Europe suffer from the dust cloud from the Sahara?
4. How serious would the impact be if the cloud could reach the UK?
5. What drove the dust 2,500 kilometres from Algeria and Morocco?
6. What did Spanish authorities recommend citizens?
7. How did scientists describe the dust storm?

Express Your Thoughts

1. Has your country experienced such a phenomenon?
2. What effects would dust storm have on our health?
3. What are the most common disasters in your country?