Weather & Seasons

Intermediate Level

1. Introductory Reading

Our daily lives are constantly affected by changes in the weather and seasons. Every day, we check our phones or look outside to see what type of weather it is. We dress and prepare differently depending on whether the weather is hot and dry; wet and windy or cold and snowy. The weather can often change our plans, our clothes, and even our mood.

In countries all around the world, people experience different seasons each year. The seasons are spring, summer, autumn, and winter. As we all know each season has its own typical weather. Summer is usually hot, while winter is generally much colder. Spring often brings wind and rainy showers, and autumn has cooler temperatures and falling leaves. It is important that we learn how to talk about weather and seasons in the country we currently live in. This helps us describe our environment and communicate clearly with others.

2. Questions

1. What is the weather like today? Do you think it is normal for this time of year?
2. Do you prefer hot or cold weather? Do you prefer a temperate climate?
3. What season do you like the most? What season do you like the least?
4. What types of clothes do you usually wear in winter?
5. What do you do on a rainy day? Do you enjoy walking in the rain?
6. Describe the weather in your home city. Is your city usually sunny or cloudy?
7. What season is it now? When did this season begin? When will it end?
8. Do you like snow? Why or why not? Is there anything you enjoy doing in snowy weather?
9. What is your favorite thing to do in summer? Does your choice depend on the temperature?
10. What type of weather makes you happy? What type of weather makes you feel depressed?
11. What weather makes you stay inside?
12. How do you feel on a very hot day? Do you have air conditioning where you live?
13. How does weather affect your daily routine?
14. What changes in the weather do you notice when a new season begins?
15. Do you think that it is important to understand that the weather can change our moods? Why?
16. Name 2 or 3 activities are best suited for each season?
17. How does your home country's climate compare to the North American climate?
18. What problems can extreme weather cause? Have you experienced extreme weather?
19. How do people prepare for winter? Are these preparations different from your home country?
20. How can weather affect driving and other forms of travel?
21. Do you use weather forecasts help you plan your week? How and why?
22. Which season do you find is the most challenging for you, and why?
23. Discuss how climate change has affected the weather in your home country and current home.
24. If you could choose one season all year, which would it be and why?

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3. Vocabulary List

- Sunny — bright with sunshine
- Cloudy — covered with clouds
- Rainy — with rain
- Snowy — with snow
- Windy — with strong wind
- Storm — bad weather with rain, wind, or thunder
- Thunder — loud noise during a storm
- Lightning — bright flash in the sky during a storm
- Temperature — how hot or cold something is
- Hot / Warm / Cool / Cold — levels of heat
- Humid — wet and warm air
- Dry — without moisture
- Forecast — weather prediction
- Season — time of year (spring, summer, autumn, winter)
- Freezing — extremely cold
- Heatwave — very hot weather for many days
- Breeze — light wind
- Fog — thick cloud near the ground
- Climate — typical weather of a place
- Mild — gentle, not extreme weather
- Drizzle — light rain
- Hail — small balls of ice falling from the sky
- Clear skies — no clouds

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