

Weather and climate

Lesson code: HRF1-A7DB-B19L-B

PRE-INTERMEDIATE

1 Warm up

How many seasons do you have in your country? Describe the typical weather in each season.

2 The weather

Listen to the dialogues and put each dialogue number under the correct picture.

Dialogue link: <http://linguahouse.com/r/2N>



1. _____



2. _____



3. _____



4. _____



5. _____



6. _____



7. _____



8. _____

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Now complete the dialogues with the words below. Some words are used more than once. Listen to the dialogues again to check your answers.

warm clear cloudy cold hot lightning overcast
raining snow snowing storm sunny windy

Dialogue 1 A: What's the weather like today?

B: At the moment, it's quite warm.

A: Is it _____² ?

B: It's quite _____³, but it's also a bit _____⁴.

Dialogue 2 A: What's the weather like?

B: It's _____⁵ at the moment.

Dialogue 3 A: What's the weather like?

B: Oh, it's _____⁶ and _____⁷ right now.

A: Are there any clouds?

B: No, the sky is completely _____⁸.

Dialogue 4 A: What's the weather like?

B: Well, it's pretty _____⁹ right now.

A: Is it _____¹⁰ ?

B: Err let me just check...Yes, it's _____¹¹.

Dialogue 5 A: What's the weather like?

B: It's very _____¹² right now.

A: Is it _____¹³ ?

B: Yes, it's quite _____¹⁴.

Dialogue 6 A: What's the weather like?

B: It's completely _____¹⁵ at the moment.

Dialogue 7 A: What's the weather like?

B: Well, there's a _____¹⁶ right now. I can see _____¹⁷. And it's _____¹⁸ heavily.

Dialogue 8 A: What's the weather like?

B: Well, it's _____¹⁹ at the moment. And there's some _____²⁰.

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3 Role play

Work in pairs. Watch the video. For each video clip, take turns to ask and answer about the weather like in the dialogue on Page 2.

4 Global warming

Complete the conversation below with the following questions.

How will the weather change in the future?
What are greenhouse gases?

What are governments doing about this problem?
What is global warming?

Jin: What is global warming?

Mario: This is the increase in the temperatures around the world.

Jin: What is the cause of global warming?

Mario: Well, scientists believe that humans are responsible. We produce too many greenhouse gases.

Jin: _____²

Mario: These are gases like CO₂ (carbon dioxide). A high concentration of greenhouse gases means that heat from the sun cannot **escape** and the climate becomes warmer.

Jin: _____³

Mario: It is difficult to say, but we can expect more extreme weather conditions like **floods**, storms and **heat waves**.

Jin: It sounds serious. _____⁴

Mario: Well, most countries signed the Kyoto Protocol in 1997. They agreed to produce fewer greenhouse gases. But in 2001, the USA rejected the agreement.

Now complete the definitions below with the words in bold:

1. _____ (verb): get away from a closed area
2. _____ (noun): very large amounts of water on dry land
3. _____ (noun): periods of unusually hot weather
4. _____ (verb): the opposite of 'accept'

5 Talking point

What can people do about global warming?