

Vocabulary

COLD WEATHER:

Adjectives: cool / cold / cloudy / overcast / chilly / crisp / snowy / icy / bitter / freezing

Nouns: frost / snow / ice / sleet / slush / blizzard / snowstorm / hail / hailstones

Verbs: to snow / to hail / to freeze / to melt / to shiver (body) / to chatter (teeth) / to see your breath

HOT WEATHER:

Adjectives: warm / sunny / clear / pleasant / hot / boiling / roasting / sweltering / scorching / humid

Nouns: sunshine / humidity / drought

Verbs: to shine / to sweat / to wilt

WET WEATHER:

Adjectives: rainy / damp / stormy

Nouns: dew / showers / downpour / thunder / lightning / storm / flood / monsoon / rainbow

Verbs: to drizzle / to pour down (BrE) / to pour (AmE) / to get soaked / to rain cats and dogs / to strike (lightning)

WINDY WEATHER:

Adjectives: windy / breezy / grey (BrE) / gray (AmE) / draughty (BrE) / drafty (AmE)

Nouns: wind / breeze / draught (BrE) / draft (AmE) / gust of wind / gale / hurricane / cyclone / tornado

Verbs: to blow / to howl

Pair Discussion

Imagine that you and a friend are planning to live in another country for a year. Your options are Greece, Finland, Thailand and Scotland. Discuss what the weather is like in each country, and then make a decision about which country to live in based on the climate. Listen to your partner's ideas, ask questions, and try to reach an agreement.

** You can find a sample dialogue on the November 2016 CD.*

Language for Persuading

What do you think about...?

I would rather...

We could...

Wouldn't you rather...?

Wouldn't it be better to...?

I think we should / ought to...

• Language Point

In English, offers and suggestions start in a positive form. A suggestion in a negative form is used when trying to change someone's mind, or when you are surprised by someone's opinion, but not as the first suggestion.

e.g. "What do you think about Scotland?"

"It's so rainy there. Wouldn't you rather go to Thailand instead?"

"I thought you would like Scotland. Aren't there monsoons in Thailand?"

Personal Questions

- What kind of weather do you like the best/the least? "I prefer / like / really love warm weather / hot weather / sunny days. I don't like / don't much care for (BrE) / can't stand / hate wet weather / rain / freezing temperatures..."
- Can you describe some different types of extreme weather? "Some examples of extreme weather are... / Extreme weather includes things like... / When we talk about extreme weather, we mean things like..."
- What is the weather like today? "Today it's hot and humid / There were some showers in the morning and now it is cloudy / overcast / Today it's snowing and bitterly cold / pouring down with rain..."
- What is the weather in your country usually like? Is the weather different in different regions? "In my country, we tend to have long, cold winters and short, hot summers... / In spring/summer/autumn/winter the weather is usually... / The wettest/driest/hottest/coldest place around here is..."

Bridge

