

## Lesson Plan: Weather vocabulary and expressions

<b>Level</b>	Beginner (A1–A2)
<b>Time</b>	45–60 minutes
<b>Skills</b>	Vocabulary, grammar, speaking
<b>Focus</b>	Weather adjectives and nouns; It's + adjective; There's + noun; small talk about weather

### OBJECTIVES

By the end of the lesson, students will be able to:

- Use at least 15 common weather words and expressions confidently
- Form sentences correctly using It's + adjective and There's + noun
- Ask and talk about the weather naturally — a key social skill in English
- Understand weather forecasts and use weather vocabulary in context

### TARGET LANGUAGE & EXAMPLES

#### *Weather adjectives*

- sunny, cloudy, rainy, windy, snowy, foggy, icy, humid, hot, cold, warm, cool, freezing, boiling

#### *Weather nouns*

- sunshine, cloud, rain, wind, snow, fog, ice, storm, thunder, lightning, hail, drizzle, shower

#### *Grammar patterns*

- It's + adjective: It's sunny. / It's really cold today. / It's absolutely freezing!
- There's + noun: There's a storm coming. / There's heavy rain in the north.
- It + verb: It rained all weekend. / It's been snowing since Tuesday.
- The weather + verb: The wind is picking up. / The sun is coming out.

#### *Common expressions*

- What's the weather like? / How's the weather?
- It's lovely out. / The weather's terrible today.
- It looks like rain. / It might snow later.
- I'm freezing! (informal exaggeration) / It's sweltering. (very hot, informal)

#### *Meaning & Nuance*

Word	Type	Example
rain	noun/verb	There's heavy rain. / It rained all day.
drizzle	light, fine rain	It's just drizzling — you don't need an umbrella.
shower	brief spell of rain	We had a few showers this afternoon.
storm	heavy rain + strong wind	A big storm is forecast for tonight.
thunder	the loud sound in a storm	I heard thunder in the distance.

lightning	the flash of light in a storm	Lightning struck the tree near our house.
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## LESSON PROCEDURE

### 1. Warm-up: Weather around the world (5 min)

**Task:** Show 6 images of dramatically different weather. Students describe what they see.

- Elicit whatever vocabulary students already have.

→ *Primes memory for the vocabulary presentation.*

### 2. Vocabulary presentation (10 min)

**Task:** Introduce weather vocabulary in three categories: adjectives, nouns, verbs.

- Grammar: It's + adjective vs. There's + noun — these are fixed patterns in English.
- Highlight: 'it' is always the subject in weather expressions.
- Pronunciation: 'weather', 'thunder', 'humidity', 'freezing', 'hailstone'.

### 3. Weather forecast activity (15 min)

**Task:** Students receive a weather map with symbols. They give a 1-minute forecast to the class.

- 'In the north it's cold and cloudy. There's a chance of snow tonight...'
- Encourage: might, probably, looks like — for prediction.

→ *Authentic-style language use.*

### 4. Small talk roleplay (10 min)

**Task:** Weather small talk is the go-to conversation opener in English — especially in the UK.

- A: Horrible weather today, isn't it? B: I know! I'm absolutely freezing.
- Students write and perform a 6-line dialogue about the weather.

→ *Discuss: why is weather such a popular topic in English-speaking countries?*

### 5. Writing task (5–10 min)

**Task:** Write a short weather forecast for your city for the next 3 days.

- Must include at least 6 different weather expressions.

## TEACHER NOTES

- Weather small talk is culturally important in English — especially British English. Worth spending time on its social function.
- Boiling and freezing are informal exaggerations for extremely hot/cold — very common in everyday speech.
- Authentic resource: BBC Weather or The Weather Channel websites provide great reading/listening practice.

## EXTENSION / HOMEWORK

Choose one or more:

1. Watch or read a weather forecast in English and write down 10 weather expressions.
2. Write a short diary entry describing the weather each day for 5 days.
3. Describe the typical weather in your country across all four seasons using this vocabulary.