Weather and seasons ESL lesson plan (A1)

A1 (beginner) · 60 minutes · for English teachers · englishcue.app

Stage	Time
Warm-up	5–10 min
Vocabulary	15 min
Controlled practice	10 min
Grammar focus	10 min
Speaking	15 min
Wrap-up and homework	5 min

1. Warm-up (5–10 min)

- What is the weather like today?
- What is your favourite season?
- Is it hot or cold in your city now?

2. Vocabulary (15 min)

Elicit each word before you give it, model the pronunciation, then check meaning with a quick question.

Word	Meaning	Example
weather	how hot, cold, sunny or rainy it is outside	What's the weather like today?
sun	the star that gives the earth light and heat	The sun is very hot today.
sunny	with a lot of sun	It's a sunny day.
rain	water that falls from clouds	I love the sound of rain.
rainy	with a lot of rain	It's a rainy morning.
snow	soft white pieces of frozen water that fall from the sky	The children are playing in the snow.
wind	air that moves	The wind is very strong today.
windy	with a lot of wind	It's too windy to ride a bike.
cloud	a white or gray mass in the sky	There are no clouds today.
cloudy	with a lot of clouds	It's cloudy but not cold.

Grammar focus (10 min): Present continuous: what is happening now

It's Sunday. Grandma Rose calls her daughter Kate on video. Kate says: "Hi Mum! I'm cooking lunch. Tom is reading the paper, and the kids are playing in the garden. Oh, and it's raining!" By the end of this lesson you can describe what is happening now.

Form	Pattern	Example
Affirmative	am / is / are + -ing	The kids are playing.
Negative	'm not / isn't / aren't + -ing	Tom isn't working.
Question	Am / Is / Are + subject + -ing?	What are you doing?
When	now · at the moment · this week	I'm reading a good book this week.

Watch for: ~~I cooking dinner now.~~ → **I'm cooking dinner now.**. You need be.

Speaking (15 min): Small talk in the lift

You and the learner are neighbours in a lift for sixty seconds. They must start with the weather and move to one other topic before the doors open. Repeat three times with different weather and a different second topic.

Useful language

- It's sunny / cloudy / windy / freezing.
- What's the weather like?
- a storm · a heatwave · a forecast · a shower
- It's pouring. / It's boiling.
- It's getting colder. / It's warmer than yesterday.
- Lovely day, isn't it?

Wrap-up and homework (5 min)

- Each learner says the three new words they will remember, and one sentence with each.
- Homework: write 80–120 words about weather and seasons using at least six words from the lesson and the grammar point.
- Self-study: the A1 weather and seasons vocabulary page on englishcue.app has a self-correcting quiz with all 21 words.

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Student handout · Name: _____ · Date: _____

A. Word bank

Autumn · cold · warm · cool · spring · hot · summer · fall

B. Complete the sentences

Use a word from the word bank. Then compare with a partner.

1. _____ is my favorite season.
2. We go to the beach in _____.
3. The leaves turn red in the _____.
4. Flowers grow in _____.
5. It's _____ outside. Wear a jacket.
6. It's very _____ in August.
7. The evenings are _____ in September.
8. It's _____ today: no coat needed.

C. Talk with a partner

Ask and answer. Make notes of one interesting answer to report to the class.

1. What do you wear when it rains?
2. What do you do on a sunny day?
3. Does it snow where you live?
4. Which month do you like best?
5. What is the weather like in summer in your country?

Write

Write 80–120 words about weather and seasons. Use six words from the lesson.

Answer key

B. Complete the sentences: 1 Autumn · 2 summer · 3 fall · 4 spring · 5 cold · 6 hot · 7 cool · 8 warm