Weather and seasons ESL lesson plan (B1)

B1 (intermediate) · 60 minutes · for English teachers · englishcue.app

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

1. Warm-up (5–10 min)

- Does the weather change your mood?
- Tell me about the worst weather you have ever experienced.
- What do people in your country do when it is very hot or very cold?

2. Vocabulary (15 min)

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

Word	Meaning	Example
heatwave	a period of unusually hot weather	Europe had a terrible heatwave last summer.
drought	a long time with no rain	The drought destroyed the crops.
flood	a lot of water covering land that is usually dry	The flood damaged hundreds of homes.
hurricane	a violent storm with very strong winds	The hurricane hit the coast at night.
drizzle	very light rain	It's only drizzle. We don't need an umbrella.
pour	to rain heavily	It's pouring outside!
breeze	a light, pleasant wind	There's a nice breeze by the sea.
mild	not very cold, pleasant	We had a mild winter this year.
changeable	changing often	The weather is very changeable in April.
chilly	cold enough to be unpleasant	It's a bit chilly this evening.

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.
- Self-study: the B1 weather and seasons vocabulary page on englishcue.app has a self-correcting quiz with all 22 words.

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Student handout · Name: _____ · Date: _____

A. Word bank

sunburn · warm up · clear up · boiling · cools down · humidity · power cut · frost

B. Complete the sentences

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

1. It's starting to _____.
2. The _____ makes it feel hotter.
3. The storm caused a _____.
4. There was _____ on the car this morning.
5. I got _____ on the first day.
6. It's _____ in here! Open a window.
7. It should _____ this afternoon.
8. It _____ a lot at night.

C. Talk with a partner

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

1. Would you rather live somewhere always warm or somewhere with four seasons?
2. What did you love about winter or summer as a child?
3. Has the weather ever ruined an important plan?
4. How do people in your country talk about the weather?
5. What is the perfect weather for a day off?

Write

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

Answer key

B. Complete the sentences: 1 warm up · 2 humidity · 3 power cut · 4 frost · 5 sunburn · 6 boiling · 7 clear up · 8 cools down