Weather and seasons ESL lesson plan (B2)

B2 (upper 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
torrential	(of rain) falling in very large amounts	Torrential rain caused flooding in the city.
scorching	extremely hot	It was a scorching day in July.
sweltering	uncomfortably hot	The office was sweltering without air conditioning.
bitterly cold	extremely cold	It was bitterly cold in Moscow.
overcast	covered with gray clouds	The sky was overcast all day.
blizzard	a severe snowstorm with strong wind	We were stuck at home during the blizzard.
hailstorm	a storm with small balls of ice falling from the sky	A hailstorm damaged the cars.
gust	a sudden strong wind	A gust of wind blew the door shut.
downpour	a sudden, heavy fall of rain	We got caught in a downpour.
forecaster	a person who predicts the weather on TV or radio	Forecasters predict snow for the weekend.

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 B2 weather and seasons vocabulary page on englishcue.app has a self-correcting quiz with all 22 words.

Weather and seasons (B2)

Student handout · Name: _____ · Date: _____

A. Word bank

Global warming · on cloud nine · Extreme weather · break the ice · under the weather · a storm in a teacup · come rain or shine · subsided

B. Complete the sentences

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

1. She's been _____ since the wedding.
2. I go running every morning, _____.
3. A good joke helps to _____.
4. _____ is melting the ice caps.
5. The storm finally _____ at dawn.
6. The argument was just _____.
7. I'm a bit _____ today.
8. _____ is becoming more common.

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 on cloud nine · 2 come rain or shine · 3 break the ice · 4 Global warming · 5 subsided · 6 a storm in a teacup · 7 under the weather · 8 Extreme weather