Unit 5
Talking About the Weather

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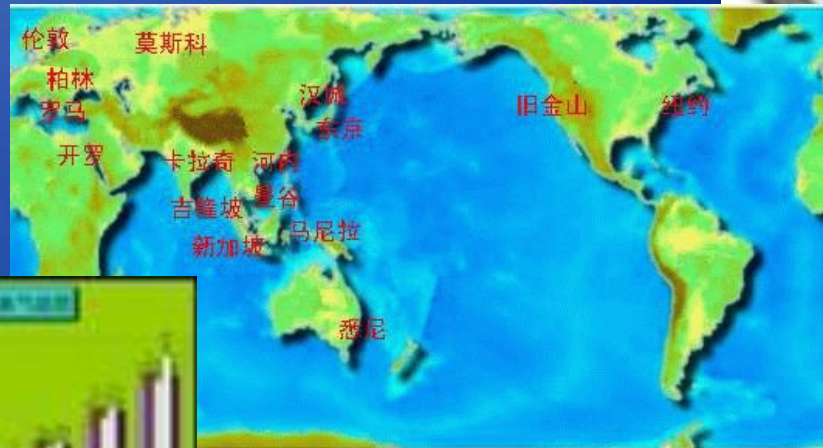# Lead-in: Warm-up

1. Do you often listen to weather forecast? Why or why not?

2. What's the use and importance of a weather forecast?

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Lead-in: Read and translate

Read and translate Sample 1.

Lead-in: Questions

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Answer the questions according to Sample 2.

1. What's the weather like in Berlin?

2. What's the temperature in Dublin?

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Lead-in: Questions

3. How is the weather in Rome?

4. Is it very cold in Madrid?
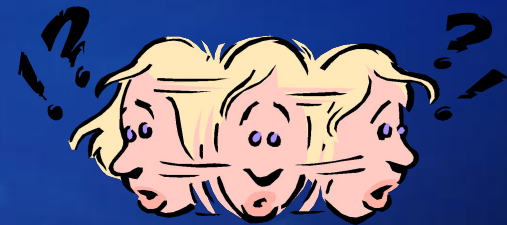
5. Do you think it is a fine day in London?

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Sample dialogues

Warm-up

1. Do you often talk about the weather and the weather forecast?

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Speak out-asking about the weather

A. What do you think of the weather here?

B. What's the weather going to be like tomorrow?

C. Do you think it'll be a fine day tomorrow?

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Speak out-asking about the weather

D. What did the weatherman say?

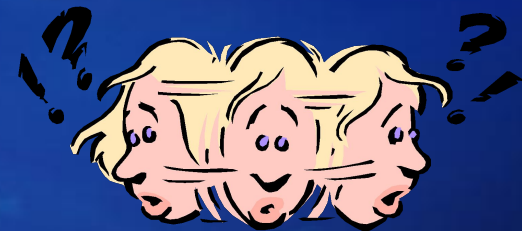**E. Today is cool and a bit cloudy, isn't it?**

F. What's it like outside?

G. Lovely day, isn't it?

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Sample dialogues

Warm-up

2. Do you know how to describe the weather in English?

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Speak out-describing weather

A. It's lovely and nice.

B. It's lovely and clear.

C. A perfect day to play outside.

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D. Fairly mild for this time of year.

E. It looks like rain.

F. It's all right, but it rains a lot.

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Speak out-describing weather

G. What a (an) ___ day!

Tips:

beautiful

lovely

awful

terrible

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H. The heat is killing me.

I. The hot weather makes me lazy.

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J. It's nice to see the sun again.

K. We can enjoy a lot of sunshine.

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Sample dialogues

Read and find out

Read and find out useful expressions for talking about the weather.

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Sample dialogues

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Questions about the weather:

1. What's the weather like today?

2. Will it be a nice day?

3. How is the weather there / here?

Sample dialogues

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Questions about the weather:

**4. What's the temperature
in the evening?**

5. Does it rain / snow a lot here?

6. Is that about 10℃?

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Sample dialogues

Practice the blank-filling exercise.

weather report, get cooler, changeable, temperature, take umbrellas with

1. Is it very useful for us to listen to the *weather report* every day?

2. Is the weather very *changeable* in London?

Sample dialogues

weather report, get cooler, changeable, temperature, take umbrellas with

3. It's too hot. When are we *getting cooler* weather?

4. Why do British people often *take umbrellas with* them when going out?

5. What's the *temperature* in winter in Toronto?

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Sample dialogues

Sentences for describing weather:

1. **Today will be cool and partly cloudy, with a chance of rain this afternoon.**

2. **It's 62°F and there's a chance of rain.**

3. **It's warm and sunny.**

4. **That's cold for November.**

Sample dialogue

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Practice the blank-filling exercise.

with a chance of, quite a warm day, clear up, clear and lovely

1. **Tomorrow is going to be dull and cool, _with a chance of_ scattered showers.**

2. **Now it is a little cloudy, but I'm sure it will _clear up_ soon.**

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Sample Dialogue

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with a chance of, quite a warm day, clear up, clear and lovely

3. If it is *clear and lovely*, we will have a picnic in the open air.

4. Today is *quite a warm day* with the temperature around 24℃.

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Sample dialogues

Group work

Practice the dialogues.

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Sample dialogues

Pair work

Make short conversations by simulating the five small dialogues.

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Sample dialogues

Role play

Role-play the similar situations you create, first in groups, and then before the class.

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Sample dialogues

Put-in-Use

Do the Put-in-Use exercises in groups by reading out loudly the three dialogues you have completed.
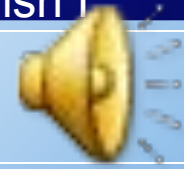
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Pre-listening task

Read the printed materials in Listen and Decode in ONE minute.

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While-listening task

Listen to the tape WITHOUT looking at the book.
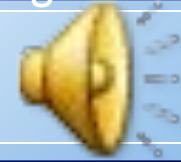
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While-listening task

Listen to the tape one sentence after another, taking notes during the pause.

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While-listening task

Repeat the sentences after the tape.

Repeat Repeat Repeat Repeat Repeat Repeat

Dialogue script

Pat Alex comes by to see Li Hong. They talk about the party last night and about the weather.

Li Hong: Hi, Pat! Why didn't you go to the party last night?

Pat: **Because it was so cold and rainy.**

Li Hong: That's too bad! It was a really good party. Hey, why don't we go for a walk this afternoon, Pat? I need some exercise.

Dialogue script

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Pat: Go out for a walk? But it's so cold out.

Li Hong: Cold out? What's the temperature?

Pat: About 13℃.

Li Hong: 13℃? That's not cold. Just wait until winter.

Pat: Why?

Dialogue script

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Li Hong: Well…it snows a lot and sometimes it's very cold. Last winter it was 7 degrees below zero for three weeks. And it was windy, too.

Pat: That sounds awful!

Li Hong: It wasn't all that bad. The sun was out almost every day.

Dialogue

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Post-listening task

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Listening Skills Practice

Do the exercises in Listen and Decode and Listen and Respond.

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Passage

Pre-listening task

Read the printed materials in *Listen and Read* in THREE minutes.

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Passage

While-listening task

Listen to the tape and fill in the blanks.

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While-listening task

Listen again and check up the answers.

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Passage
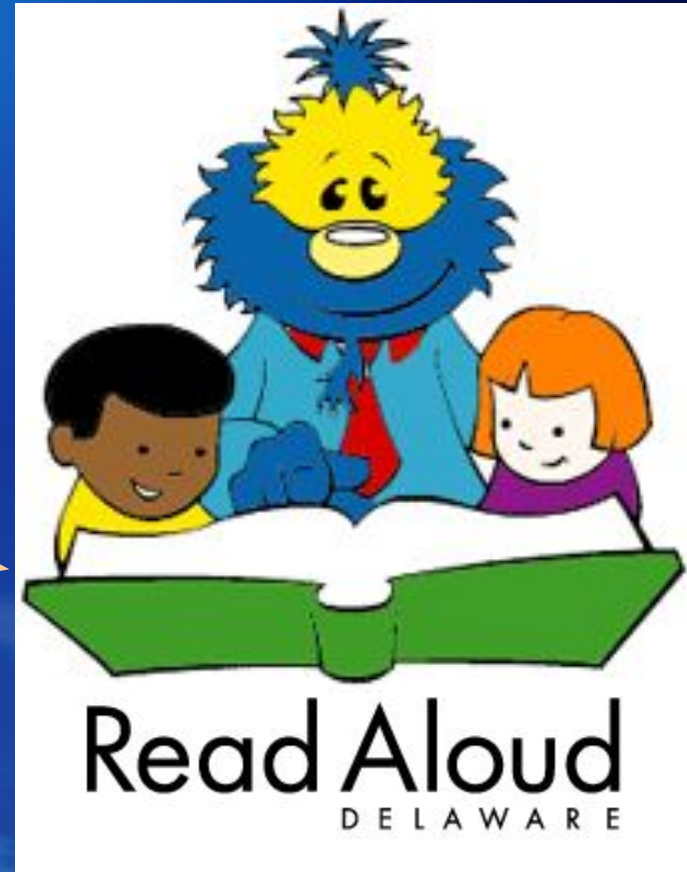
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Key to the passage:

1. play in the fresh air

2. summer vacation

3. hot and uncomfortable

4. in summertime

5. go skating on the ice

6. begin to grow

7. a new year begins

8. are changing color

9. fall from the trees

10. in the air

Passage

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Now, read the passage LOUDLY!

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Post-listening task

Do the
exercises in
Listen and Match
and Listen and Conclude.

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Assignments

1. **Tell about the weather conditions in your hometown to other members of the group.**
2. **Make up dialogues to talk about the weather in pairs, referring to the dialogues in the Workbook.**
3. **Preview Passage I and the exercises.**