

Weather elements

Topic/language idea: Weather elements.

Class: Middle school/high school

Level: Upper-intermediate.

Time: 45 minutes

Aims:

- To learn about weather, climate.
- To learn about weather elements, clouds, rain.
- To learn vocabulary connected with weather, temperature and rain.
- To look for specific information on the internet.
- To read for specific information.
- To transfer information.
- To use web pages
- to watch a film and listen for specific information

CLIL: biology, geography, physics, chemistry

Materials: included photocopies, access to the internet and personal computer, speakers.

STAGE	AIMS	PROCEDURE	CLASSROOM LANGUAGE	TIME	MATERIALS
Introduction	To start the lesson	Check the register /check homework		1-6 min	
Warm-up activity	To provide students with introduction to the topic	Ask the students about the weather outside, their favourite season of the year, typical weather in our country, the difference between weather and climate.	"When all is said and done, the weather and love are the two elements about which one can never be sure." Do you agree? Why is the weather so changeable? What is the weather like today? What is your favourite weather?	5 min	
The main part of the lesson	To learn about seven weather elements	Divide the class into groups and ask them to go online and read the information on the page and prepare a short report back for the class.	There are seven elements of weather: visibility, air pressure, cloud cover, humidity, wind speed, wind direction, sunshine and precipitation. Go to http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/whatisweather/aboutweather/flash_menu.shtml and find out more.	10 min	Worksheet 1 Internet

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	To learn vocabulary describing temperature outside	Ask the students to work on the worksheet 1 and mark the words given on the thermometer	On the thermometer mark : boiling hot, burning, chilly, cold, cool, freezing, hot, scorching, toasty, warm.	5 min	
	To learn about 4 different types of cloud, their characteristics and role	Ask the students to watch a film and take notes on worksheet 1	Go to http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FMagDRCpJ14 . Name the four types of clouds and make some notes on them.	10 min	
	To learn about the rain-why it rains and types of rain	Ask the students to watch a film and take notes on worksheet 1	Watch a Met Office film and find out why it rains: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dQJsJRNJOfl	10 min	
Wrap-up	To learn vocabulary connected with rain, weather expressions	Ask the students to read the sentences in exercise 5 and ask them to explain them	What type of rain do these sentences? describe? Light, heavy, sudden, summery		

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