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Topic:	Weather

Task	Language focus	Learning activities	Resources
1. Can talk about the weather Can understand weather reports	**Vocabulary** forecast, boiling, fog, foggy, fine, frost, hail, humid, hurricane, storm, drought, floods, freezing, cloud, cloudy, overcast, mild, dust storm, gale, hotter than, colder than, hottest, coldest, coolest **Structure** What is the weather like ____ (today, on Sunday etc)? What do you like to do on ____ (cold, hot etc) days? Have you ever seen ____ (hail, snow etc)? Which city is the hottest/coldest/coolest? In ____ (Perth, Darwin etc) it will be ____.	Match words to pictures Complete the sentences Discuss the questions about weather Answer questions about a weather forecast Read a weather chart and write a short weather report Discuss the questions about rain and drought Find the weather words and solve the puzzle **Extension** Discuss an authentic weather map	Worksheet 1: Weather words Worksheet 2: About the weather Worksheet 3: Talking about the weather Worksheet 4: Weather forecast Worksheet 5: Weather report Worksheet 6: Talking about rain and drought Worksheet 7: Weather word find An authentic weather map from a newspaper

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Task 1:	Can talk about the weather
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Language structure:	What is the weather like ___ (today, on Sunday etc)?
	What do you like to do on ___ (cold, hot etc) days?
	Have you ever seen ___ (hail, snow etc)?
	Which city is the hottest/coldest/coolest?
	In ___ (Perth, Darwin etc) it will be ___.

Activity instructions

Match words to pictures

☐ Worksheet 1: Weather words
Show the pictures on the worksheet and ask the learner to identify the different weather. Introduce new vocabulary.

Learner reads the weather words on the worksheet.
Learner writes the word below its corresponding picture.

Complete the sentences

☐ Worksheet 2: About the weather
Learner reads the sentences and words in the boxes.
Learner writes the correct weather words to complete the sentences.

Ask questions: What is the weather like in Queensland in summer?
Where will there be floods?
What will the weather be like in the Victorian mountains?
What is the weather like in Tasmania?
Why has Australia had a drought?

Discuss the questions about the weather

☐ Worksheet 3: Talking about the weather
Read the questions together and discuss. Encourage the learner to ask the questions to the tutor so that it becomes a two way conversation.

Learner writes any new words in their book.

Answer questions about a weather forecast

☐ Worksheet 4: Weather forecast
Learner reads the sentences. (Ensure they understand all the vocabulary.)

Read the script twice. Allow some time for the learner to answer the questions verbally.
Read the script a third time. Learner ticks the correct boxes to answer the questions.

Script

> The weather forecast for today is cloudy and generally overcast, with a shower or two later today. Winds will be light and from the south east. We are heading for a top temperature of 19 degrees.
>
> The weather outlook for the weekend is rain early on Saturday but clearing in the afternoon. It will be a mild day with a top of 21 degrees.
>
> The weather on Sunday should be fine and sunny. That's good news for all you people planning barbecues or a trip to the beach. The expected top temperature for Sunday is 25 degrees.
>
> At the moment in the city the temperature is only 16 degrees, that's four degrees below average for this time of the year.
>
> Don't forget that umbrella if you are out on Saturday morning!
>
> Handing you back to the news desk for more updates on the crisis in New Zealand.

Learner reads the script and corrects their work.

Read a weather chart and write a short weather report
- ☐ Worksheet 5: Weather report
  Learner reads the weather chart.
  Ask questions: What is the weather like in ____ (Adelaide, Darwin etc)?
  Model the language: Today it will be fine and cool in Melbourne with a top temperature of 21 degrees.
  Learner repeats then uses this structure for the other cities' forecast.

  Direct learner's attention to the temperatures.
  Ask questions: Is____ (Melbourne, Brisbane etc) hotter or colder than ____ (Adelaide, Sydney etc)?
  Learner responds: *Melbourne is colder than Perth.*
  Which city is the hottest/coldest? Learner responds: ____ *is the hottest/coldest city.*

  Learner writes words from the box to complete the sentences.

  Learner writes a short weather report based on the weather chart. (One sentences for each city.)

Discuss the questions about rain and drought
- ☐ Worksheet 6: Rain and drought
   Read the questions together and discuss.

Find the weather words and solve the puzzle
- ☐ Worksheet 7: Weather word find
  Learner reads the words in the box. Ensure the learner understands all the vocabulary.
  Ask questions: What is a ____ (breeze, gale, etc)?
  Learner locates the words in the word search. (Answer to this puzzle is temperature.)

Extension activity

Discuss an authentic weather map

☐ An authentic weather map from a newspaper
Find a weather map from a newspaper for your state.

Look at the map together and discuss.
Ask questions: What's the weather like in ___?
What's the temperature?

Discuss and explain the weather symbols for the weather types.
Learner identifies the weather symbols against each town.
Learner reads the temperatures and cities.

Ask questions: Which city/town is the hottest?
Which city/town is the coldest/coolest?

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Worksheet 1: Weather words

Write the words below their pictures.

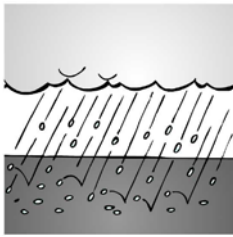|			
boiling	foggy	fine	frost
humid	hurricane	storm	drought
freezing	showers	floods	hail

Worksheet 2: About the weather

Write the missing word to complete the sentence.

1. In the mountain areas of Victoria there will be snow and the

   temperature will be a low 1 degree. It will be a _____ day.

cool	freezing	boiling

2. In the country areas of NSW it will rain for the next six days, so there

   will be _____ in the low lying river areas.

wind	snow	floods

3. Australia experienced _____ for many years because

   there was no rain.

drought	hurricane	sunny

4. The weather in Queensland in summer can be very hot and

   _____.

fine	warm	humid

5. The weather today in Tasmania is very cold with _____

   turning to snow later this afternoon.

sunshine	hail	fog

Worksheet 3: Talking about the weather

Discuss these questions.

1.   What's the weather like today?

2.   What was the weather like yesterday?

3.   Name as many weather words as you can.

4.   What kind of weather do you like? Why?

5.   What do you like to do on a sunny day?

6.   What do you like to do on a rainy day?

7.   What do you like to do on a cold day?

8.   What do you like to do on a windy day?

9.   What do you like best, a cold day or a hot day?

10. Have you ever seen snow? Where? When?

11. Have you ever seen a thunderstorm? Where? When?

12. Have you ever seen hail?

13. Have you ever seen a dust storm? Where? When?

14. What is the weather like in January in Australia?

15. What is the weather like in January in your country?

16   What is the weather like in July In Australia?

17. What is the weather like in July in your country?

18. How do you keep cool on a hot day?

19. How do you keep warm on a cold day?

20. Can you name the four seasons?

Worksheet 4: Weather forecast

1. The weather forecast is for

☐ today

☐ the weekend

☐ today and the weekend

2. What will the weather be like today?

☐ cloudy with showers

☐ warm and humid

☐ hot and windy

3. What will it be like on Saturday?

☐ hot

☐ mild

☐ cold

4. What will the weather be like on Sunday?

☐ mild and humid

☐ showers and cool

☐ fine and sunny

5. What is the temperature at the moment?

☐ 21 degrees

☐ 16 degrees

☐ 19 degrees

6. When is the best day to eat outside?

☐ today

☐ Saturday

☐ Sunday

C. Read the weather forecast and correct your work.

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Worksheet 5: Weather report

A. Read the weather report.

City	Weather	Temperature
Melbourne	fine and cool	17 º
Canberra	hot and dry	30 º
Darwin	storms	31 º
Hobart	cloudy and strong winds	18 º
Adelaide	showers becoming fine	24 º
Brisbane	hot and humid	35 º
Sydney	fine and sunny	22 º
Perth	hot with light winds	37 º

B. Look at the weather report in part A.
Complete the sentences with words from the box.

hotter than	the hottest	colder than	the coldest

1. Adelaide is _____ Hobart.

2. Darwin is _____ Perth.

3. Hobart is _____ Canberra.

4. Brisbane is _____ Sydney.

5. Melbourne is _____ Adelaide.

6. Perth is _____ city.

7. Brisbane is _____ Darwin.

8. Melbourne is _____ city.

C. Write a weather report for each city.

1. In Sydney today it will be _____

2. _____

3. In _____

4. _____

5. In _____

6. _____

7. In _____

8. _____

Worksheet 6: Talking about rain and drought

Discuss these questions.

1. In what season or which months does it rain in your country?

2. Are there ever floods in your country?

   What do people do if there is a flood?

3. Are there ever droughts in your country?

   How do people get water during a drought?

4. Does the government in your country help people during floods or droughts? How?

5. In your country where did you get your water, e.g. from a rain tank, from a river, from a reservoir?

6. In some states of Australia, there are water restrictions.

   What does this mean?

7. Where do you use the most water at home?

8. How do you save water at home?

Worksheet 7: Weather word find

Draw a line through the words you find. Words go across and down.

breeze	degrees	drought	floods
freezing	gale	humid	mild
overcast	rain	showers	snow
storm	sunshine	thunder	weather

s	h	o	w	e	r	s	b	m	t
f	l	o	o	d	s	t	r	i	e
f	t	h	g	s	m	o	e	l	p
r	h	u	a	u	w	r	e	d	d
e	u	m	l	n	e	m	z	e	r
e	n	i	e	s	a	s	e	g	o
z	d	d	e	h	t	n	r	r	u
i	e	a	t	i	h	o	u	e	g
n	r	a	i	n	e	w	r	e	h
g	e	o	v	e	r	c	a	s	t

When you have finished, find the uncrossed letters from left to right, top to bottom.
Write the uncrossed letters on the lines below to complete the sentence.

We listen to the weather forecast to find out the day's top

___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___.