

The Ultimate Weekend Escape

Planning around weather forecasts

PART 01 Warm-Up Activity

- What is your favorite type of weather for a holiday? Why?
- Have you ever had a trip ruined by bad weather? What happened?

PART 02 The Scenario

You and your partner are planning a 2-day company retreat for this coming weekend. You have three possible locations, but the weather forecasts are very different for each. You must look at the forecasts below and decide which location is best for a mix of outdoor team-building and indoor dining.

The Forecasts:

1. **Mountain Peak:** Saturday will be freezing with snow expected. Sunday will see sunny spells but remain very cold.
2. **Coastal Bay:** Saturday will be blowing a gale with a slight chance of a shower. Sunday will be a bit mixed with sunshine and showers.
3. **Sunny Valley:** Saturday will be boiling (over 30 degrees). Sunday will be mainly cloudy with mist and fog forming later.

THE TASK & GOAL

Decide on one location and create a basic 2-day schedule.

1. Compare the weather forecasts for the three locations.
2. Discuss which activities are possible in each type of weather.
3. Reach a final agreement on the destination.
4. Prepare a short 1-minute summary of your plan to present to the class.

ROLES & PERSPECTIVES

A: ACTIVITY COORDINATOR

You want to do outdoor activities like hiking or swimming. You are worried about rain but don't mind the heat.

B: SAFETY & COMFORT MANAGER

You want everyone to be comfortable. You dislike extreme heat (boiling) and are worried about people getting cold or wet.

REFERENCE Useful Language

COMPARING OPTIONS	USING QUESTION TAGS	DESCRIBING WEATHER
I think [X] is better because...	It's a bit chilly there, isn't it?	There'll be plenty of sunshine.
If we go to [Y], we can...	The weather has turned, hasn't it?	It's absolutely pouring on Sunday.
On the other hand, [Z] is...	It's lovely weather for hiking, isn't it?	Temperatures are above average.

PLANNING & NOTES

Plan your dialogue here

PART 03 Reflection

1. Which location did you choose and why was it the "safest" choice?
2. Which weather vocabulary from today did you use the most during your discussion?

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Target language practice.



TIME

30-40 MINS

OBJECTIVE

Students will use weather vocabulary and future forms to negotiate and reach a consensus on a travel plan.

GRAMMAR FOCUS

FUTURE PREDICTIONS AND QUESTION TAGS

- There will be scattered showers
- It's a bit chilly, isn't it?
- Snow is expected in the north.

KEY VOCABULARY

SUNNY SPELLS

SCATTERED SHOWERS

BOILING

BLOWING A GALE

FREEZING

Procedure

1. **Warmer (5 mins):** Ask the class "What's the weather like out there?" to elicit current descriptions. Transition to the holiday questions in Part 1.
2. **The Task (20 mins):** Monitor pairs as they discuss the three locations. Ensure they are using the "Useful Language" box to confirm opinions with question tags (e.g., "It's too hot in Sunny Valley, isn't it?").
3. **Feedback (10 mins):** Have each pair announce their destination. Conduct a "delayed error correction" session on the board, focusing on the correct use of weather collocations (e.g., "blowing a gale" vs "blowing a wind").