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Weather

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IELTS Speaking Vocabulary: Weather

When talking about the weather, there are different ways we can express our ideas.

1. We can use ADJECTIVES

It's _____ in my country

Scorching, sweltering, boiling, baking = VERY HOT

cold, quite chilly, freezing cold = COLD

humid, soaking wet = WET

bleak, gloomy, dull = NOT VERY BRIGHT

changeable = UNSTABLE

2. We can use NOUNS

We get a lot of _____

Sunshine, sunny spells

tropical storms, showers, downpours, heavy rain, torrential rain

snow, blizzards

wind, storms, hurricanes

heat waves

droughts (no rain for long periods)

3. We can use VERBS

It's always _____ where I live

It tends to _____ where I live

Raining, pouring, pouring down, drizzling (=light rain),

snowing, sleet, hailing

What is the weather like in your country?

There are probably 5 main kinds of weather -

1. Hot
2. Mild (in between hot and cold)
3. Cold
4. Wet
5. Dry

The weather changes due to a number of different factors, including the following

- Changes in air pressure and wind
- Different Seasons
- Pollution
- Climate change

Find out more about this below:

<https://www.dkfindout.com/us/earth/weather/what-causes-weather/>

In order to answer this question, you can use comments like the following:

It depends which part of the country we are taking about and on the season.

In the north, it's very wet. We get a lot of rainstorms and tropical storms. At times, on the coast, there are typhoons as well.

In the south the climate is much hotter and dryer. We often get droughts that can last for weeks or months.

In summer, it's roasting hot. It's so hot, you can hardly go outside for more than a few minutes.

In the winter, it's cooler but it never snows. I have never seen snow in my country.

Do you think the weather will affect certain types of jobs?

Yes, it will have an impact on farmers, floods might destroy their crops

It will definitely affect fishermen, they may have to change their schedules if there are high storms at sea

Builders in the construction industry can certainly be affected. If the temperature is below freezing, they can't mix the concrete.

Taxi drivers might be hit by the rain. On the one hand, they will have more customers, but on the other, it can make driving more dangerous.

IELTS Speaking Idioms: The Weather

Come rain or shine = *whatever happens*

I don't even care if I am sick, I am going to my friends' wedding **come rain or shine**.

It never rains, it pours = *every happens at once*

I have been waiting for a job opportunity for weeks, and all of a sudden I have got 5 in one day. **It never rains, it pours**.

To be on cloud nine = *to be very happy*

I finally got the score I need on IELTS, **I am on cloud nine!**