



19. Weather and Climate

1. Do you usually listen to weather forecast?
2. Why are people interested in weather forecasts?
3. Do you always take weather into consideration when getting dressed in the morning?
4. Do you find that weather forecasts are usually accurate?
5. Describe the climate of the four seasons in Hungary.
6. What are the average temperatures in Hungary?
7. What is your favourite season?
8. In what climatic conditions would you like to live?
9. When are there storms?
10. Have you ever been in a big storm?
11. Are there blizzards in Hungary?
12. Are there hurricanes or tornadoes in Hungary?
13. How do you protect yourself against bad weather?
14. What does the expression "Indian summer" mean?
15. What is the connection between weather and agriculture?
16. How does weather influence traffic?
17. Are you influenced by weather?
18. How can one's body react to drastic weather changes?
19. Why is weather a popular topic in conversations?
20. What do you know about the climate of Britain?
21. What natural disasters happen in the world?

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1. Yes, I listen to one or two weather forecasts in the evening and I read the weather report on teletext in the morning. Of course, I look out of the window too before I decide what to put on.
2. People listen to and watch the weather forecasts because they would like to decide what clothes to wear, what programmes to organise in their free time and whether they can do outdoor sports.
3. Yes, usually I do. But the weather sometimes changes very quickly and what I have put on in the morning is not appropriate in the afternoon.
4. No, unfortunately, weather forecasts are only rarely accurate. It often happens that weathermen predict totally different weather on different channels.
5. In Hungary in spring the weather is usually changeable. It can be quite warm and sunny, or cold and rainy and windy. Summer is hot, sultry and dry. Sometimes there are storms and even hail. People don't like autumn very much because it is usually cold and rainy with strong wind. In winter the weather is cold, the temperature is usually below zero and it often snows. The mornings are foggy and frosty.
6. In Hungary the summer is very hot, that is, the temperature is above 30°C. In early spring and late autumn the temperature is around 10°C. In late spring and early autumn the weather is warm, it is around 20-25°C. The winter is usually very cold and it often goes below zero, sometimes as low as -20°C.
7. To tell the truth, I like both winter and summer. I like winter because I often go skiing or sometimes snowboarding abroad. I like walking when it's snowing and although it's cold, the air is clean. In summer I can do many outdoor activities and stay out long because the temperature is pleasant during the night.
8. I like the climate of Hungary because I can enjoy all the four seasons.
9. I think most storms occur in summer when the weather suddenly cools down after a hot spell. The sky becomes extremely dark as if it was night, the wind starts to blow with great force and big drops of rain begin to fall. There is thunder and lightning and rain keeps pouring for quite a while. Sometimes there is even hail. In winter there sometimes are snowstorms with strong wind. This kind of weather causes problems in the traffic. The roads become extremely slippery and snowdrifts isolate villages for days.
10. Yes, once when I spent my summer holidays in the mountains. The storm came quite unexpectedly and lasted long. I was scared because there was lightning and thunder which seemed much more frightening than in the town.
11. No, blizzards are not characteristic for Hungary. There are heavy snowstorms mainly in high mountains.

