

In this unit, you will:

- **read** about the weather, transport and the best food markets around the world.
- **listen to** conversations about the weather and traveling to university, as well as a radio program about famous food.
- **write** a description of your home country.
- **speak** about your hometown and compare it to a different place.
- **learn to:**
 - use comparative and superlative adjectives.
 - pronounce adjectives correctly.
 - find the main idea of a paragraph in a text.
 - identify *but*, *so* and *because* to help you to understand a listening text.

CHAPTER 1: The Weather

1 Work in pairs. Answer the questions.

- 1 Do you like hot or cold weather? Why?
- 2 What is the weather like in your city right now?
- 3 What do you like to do in this weather?

VOCABULARY

2 What's the weather like in each picture?

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3 Listen and check your answers.

4 Match the definitions with the weather words in the box.

cool	dry	freezing	humid
shine	storm	temperature	warm

- 1 how hot or cold something is (e.g. 15°C or 70°F)
- 2 make a bright light
- 3 hot and a bit wet
- 4 very cold
- 5 between cold and hot
- 6 a bit cold, but not very cold
- 7 very bad weather with a lot of rain, snow, wind, etc.
- 8 with no or not much rain

BEFORE YOU READ

5 You are going to read an article about the weather in two different cities, Oymyakon in Russia and Kuwait City in Kuwait. Guess the answers to these questions before you read.

- 1 It is *freezing* / *warm* in winter in Oymyakon.
- 2 The temperature is *above* / *below* 0°C in winter in Oymyakon.
- 3 In summer, it is *dry* / *wet* in Kuwait City.
- 4 In Kuwait City, it is *foggy* / *windy* in summer.

6 Find the answers in the article.

READING

7 Read the article below. Match the topics to the paragraph numbers.

Paragraph	Topic
1 _____	a foggy weather
2 _____	b very high temperatures
3 _____	c weather in spring and fall
4 _____	d life in Oymyakon
5 _____	e summer months in Kuwait
6 _____	f many hours of sun

Oymyakon, Russia



- Oymyakon is a city in Russia. It's the coldest city in the world. The temperature can be -50°C . A lot of people stay at home. They watch TV, read books and cook hot food.
- In winter, it is very cold and snowy. The weather in winter is foggier than at other times of the year. There is a lot of steam from factories, cars and people.
- The weather is better in summer. The temperature is warm and it is sunnier. In June, the days are longer. The sun shines from 2:15 in the morning until 10:50 in the evening.

Kuwait City, Kuwait



- Kuwait City is a city in Kuwait. The weather is usually very dry. It is one of the hottest cities in the world. The temperature can be 50°C ! People don't go outside very much. They stay inside. They go shopping in malls or they go to swimming pools to swim.
- In summer, it is very hot and sunny. The summers are from April to October. It is hotter in June and July. The weather is worse in August. It is also windier than other seasons and there are many sandstorms.
- The weather is cooler in spring and in fall. It can sometimes be rainy and windy. It is also very humid and the weather is sometimes cloudy.

8 Scan the article again and answer the questions.

- What is the temperature in Oymyakon in winter?
- What do people do in Oymyakon in winter?
- At what time does the sun rise in Oymyakon in summer?
- Which months are hotter in Kuwait City?
- When is it rainy in Kuwait city?

9 Complete the paragraph with the words in the box.

cloudy	foggy	freezing	humid
sandstorms	sunny	temperature	windy

In winter in Oymyakon, steam makes the weather ¹_____. Many people stay inside because it is ²_____ cold. The ³_____ can be -50°C . In summer, the days are very long and it is ⁴_____ for many hours.

In summer in Kuwait City, the weather is also very extreme. It is very hot and dry. It is also very ⁵_____ and there are ⁶_____. In spring and fall, sometimes the weather is ⁷_____. The air is very ⁸_____.

LISTENING

10 Listen to two people talking about weather in their countries. Tick (✓) the words you hear.

sunny	foggy	cool	rainy	freezing
cold	windy	warm	storm	humid

11 Listen again and complete the sentences.

- The temperature is about _____ $^{\circ}\text{C}$ in Emily's city now.
- In summer, Emily goes _____ in the ocean with her family.
- In Canada, _____ is a popular season.
- It's cooler in _____ in Istanbul, so Ahmet can go for walks.
- Ahmet doesn't like _____ weather in his city in winter.

12 Work in pairs. Ask your partner about the weather in different seasons in his/her hometown.

- What's the weather like in summer in your hometown?
- What can you do there in summer?

13 Take notes and report your partner's answers to the class.



Grammar Discovery

14 Read and complete the rules.

We use *comparative adjectives* to compare two things, people, groups, etc. To make comparative adjectives, follow these rules:

- For most one-syllable adjectives, we add ¹.....:
cool – cooler old – older long – longer
- For words that end in consonant–vowel–consonant, we double the final consonant and add ².....:
big – bigger hot – hotter thin – thinner
- For most two-syllable adjectives ending in -y, drop the -y and add ³.....:
dry – drier rainy – rainier busy – busier
- For most two- or three-syllable adjectives, add ⁴.....:
more humid more freezing more beautiful
- To compare things, we use a comparative adjective + ⁵.....
Canada is colder than Italy and Portugal.

15 Complete the table with the comparative form of the adjectives.

	Adjective	Comparative Form
1	wet	
2	cloudy	
3	bright	
4	nice	
5	pleasant	
6	close	
7	happy	
8	important	

16 Complete the paragraph with the correct form of the adjectives.

Athens is the capital city of Greece. In summer, the weather is ¹..... (hot) and ²..... (sunny) than in winter. The temperatures in July and August are around 40°C – ³..... (high) than the other summer months. The summers are ⁴..... (long) – they last for many months! The weather in fall is ⁵..... (pleasant) than in winter and not very ⁶..... (cold). The winter is ⁷..... (windy) and ⁸..... (wet) than the fall. The winter months are from January to March, and it can sometimes snow. The summer is a ⁹..... (popular) time to visit Athens than the winter.

PRONUNCIATION

17 Listen to these adjectives. How many syllables do you hear?

black	clean	slow	strong	pretty
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18 Practice saying the adjectives.

19 Work in pairs. Listen to your partner say the words and write how many syllables you hear. Then listen and check your answers.

	Adjective	Number of Syllables
1	blue	
2	slim	
3	small	
4	clever	
5	bright	

OVER TO YOU

20 Work in pairs. Choose four cities and find out the weather forecast for those cities today.



City	°C	Notes
<i>e.g. Sydney</i>	32	<i>cloudy but hot</i>
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21 Now write down a weather forecast program for a morning news show on TV.

Good morning, everybody! Here is today's weather forecast for Australia. Sydney is cloudy today, but it is hot. The temperature is 32 degrees

22 Present your program to the rest of the class.