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talking about
the weather

Lesson 21

Notes

Quel temps fait-il?

What's the weather like?

Programme Notes

Welcome to Coffee Break French, the podcast aimed at independent learners of French. Our regular podcasts will introduce you to the French language in easy steps. These programme notes will help you get more out of each episode by explaining how words are written and giving you more information about each phrase along with some bonus vocabulary where appropriate.

Language Notes

le temps	weather	
quel temps fait-il?	what's the weather like?	literally: "which weather is it doing?"
aujourd'hui	today	
quel temps fait-il aujourd'hui?	what's the weather like today?	
il fait beau	it's nice weather	
il fait mauvais	it's not nice weather / it's bad weather	
il fait beau temps	it's nice weather	the use of the word <i>temps</i> here is optional
il fait mauvais temps	it's bad weather	As above.
il fait froid	it's cold	Note that when referring to food, you would use <i>c'est froid</i> , but when talking about the weather you use <i>il fait froid</i> .
il fait chaud	it's warm / hot	As above.
il fait du vent	it's windy	literally: "it does some wind"
faire	to do, to make	
il pleut	it's raining	
il pleut en Écosse	it rains in Scotland	
il pleut aujourd'hui	it's raining today	Note that the same phrase, <i>il pleut</i> , is used for both "it's raining" and "it rains"
il ne pleut pas	it's not raining	
il fait très beau	it's very nice weather	
assez	quite	
il fait assez beau	it's quite nice weather	
il fait assez froid	it's quite cold	

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il fait très chaud	it's very hot	
extrêmement	extremely	the <i>-ment</i> ending translates to the English ending <i>-ly</i> for adverbs
extrême	extreme	
rapidement	quickly	from <i>rapide</i> meaning "quick"
vraiment	truly, really	from <i>vrai</i> meaning "true", "real"
c'est vraiment cool	it's really cool	
il fait vraiment froid aujourd'hui	it's really cold today	
il neige	it's snowing	
quel temps fera-t-il demain?	what will the weather be like tomorrow?	When we asked this question in the present, the word <i>fait</i> was used. In the future <i>fait</i> becomes <i>fera</i> .
demain	tomorrow	
il fera beau	it will be nice weather	
il fera chaud	it will be warm / hot	
il fera froid	it will be cold	
il fera du vent	it will be windy	
il fera mauvais	it will not be nice weather / it will be bad weather	
il pleuvra	it will rain / it will be raining	
il neigera	it will snow / it will be snow	
les prévisions	the weather forecast	
la météo	weather forecast on television	

Additional vocabulary

est-ce qu'il fera chaud demain?	will it be warm tomorrow?	
est-ce qu'il fera froid demain?	will it be cold tomorrow?	
est-ce qu'il pleuvra demain?	will it rain tomorrow?	
qu'est-ce qu'il fait beau aujourd'hui!	the weather is so beautiful today! "What beautiful weather we're having today!"	
qu'est-ce qu'il fait froid aujourd'hui!	it's so cold today!	
quel temps magnifique!	what wonderful weather!	
quel temps affreux!	what awful weather!	
il y a du vent	it's windy	An alternative to <i>il fait du vent</i>
il pleut des cordes!	it's pouring; it's raining cats and dogs	