Weather is a common topic of conversations in Britain. If you meet a stranger, it is safe to start talking about the weather. Choosing a topic of conversation is about culture thing related to privacy of an area. It also depends on how close with the people you talk to. Some topics are taboo in a typical conversation especially if a talk is not between close friends or family numbers. I believe it is more or less the same in all countries. If you are foreigner, it is even more important to realize this; otherwise you will spoil a nice conversation by creating some awkward moments. Therefore, it is better to learn these which can and can’t. The scopes of privacy differ from country to country, but some are common in a civilized society, for example, it is impolite to ask lady's age, and how much people earn etc. To have a good idea of culture sensitivity in mind help people step into doors of meaningful conversations with other people. Good conversation helps you to establish friendships among friends, your co-workers and business connections with your customers.

Lesson 38 Everything except the weather

　　My old friend, Harrison, had lived in the Mediterranean for many years before he returned to England. He had often dreamed of retiring in England and had planned to settle down in the country. He had no sooner returned than he bought a house and went to live there. Almost immediately he began to complain about the weather, for even though it was still summer, it rained continually and it was often bitterly cold. After so many years of sunshine, Harrison got a shock. He acted as if he had never lived in England before. In the end, it was more than he could bear. He had hardly had time to settle down when he sold the house and left the country. The dream he had had for so many years ended there. Harrison had thought of everything except the weather.