

SPEAKING MATERIAL

ENGLISH FILE UPPER-INTERMEDIATE- UNIT 4

VOCABULARY

A- Underline the odd word out.

Example: drought blizzard mild flood

1. settled changeable snow bright
2. hurricane breeze drizzling tornado
3. boiling scorching freezing hot
4. drought monsoon breeze typhoon
5. damp drizzling pouring bright

B- Underline the correct word.

Example: It's going to be damp and chilly / sunny tomorrow.

1. If there's **thick** / **strong** fog, the traffic will be very slow.
2. There hasn't been any rain today, but it still feels quite **humid** / **warm**.
3. Plants haven't been able to grow well this year because of the **breeze** / **drought**.
4. It's difficult to predict what the weather will be like in Scotland - it's so **settled** / **changeable**.
5. We couldn't go out yesterday because it was absolutely **scorching** / **mild**.
6. You'll need your sunglasses - it's incredibly **bright** / **clear** outside.
7. There was a really **strong** / **heavy** wind blowing along the coast.

C- Complete the sentences with one word.

Example: I've just taken the rubbish out.

1. I really fancy taking _____ snowboarding? How about you?
2. Do you think you take _____ your mother or your father in character?
3. Don't expect so much from Irina - you must take into _____ that she's still young.
4. Investing money in the stock market is never safe - you're taking a _____.
5. Take no _____ of my husband. He thinks his jokes are funny but not everyone agrees!
6. Could you take _____ of the children for me on Saturday morning, please?
7. The public meeting will take _____ at the town hall on 12th July.
8. We should take _____ of the low exchange rates and get some dollars now.

PICTURE DESCRIPTION

Think that you are in the place of the people in the pictures. Tell your story and how you feel. Your friends may ask you some questions.



MINI-PRESENTATION

Work in groups of three. Choose one of the topics given below. Then prepare a mini presentation by answering the questions given. You can take notes as you prepare your answer. The preparation is supposed to take one minute. Finally, talk for maximum 2 minutes about the given subject.

TOPIC 1

Describe your favourite kind of weather. You should say:

- *what kind of weather it is*
- *how often it occurs*
- *what do you usually do in this sort of weather*
- *why you particularly like this kind of weather*

TOPIC 2

Describe a time when the weather caused you to change your plans. You should say:

- *what your plan was*
- *what weather you were expecting*
- *what happened*
- *how you felt when you had to change your plans*

TOPIC 3

Describe a season you like. You should say:

- *what season it is*
- *what the weather is like in that season*
- *what you enjoy doing then*
- *why you like that season*

GROUP DISCUSSION

Work in groups of three or four students. Answer the questions given by taking turns.

1. Do you think the weather affects people's moods and behaviours? Why/ Why not?
2. Do you think people living in cold places have different personalities to the ones living in warmer places?
3. Why do you think people call it 'bad weather'?
4. What do people in your country do in bad weather?
5. How is the world's weather (climate) changing? How do you think this will affect us in the future?