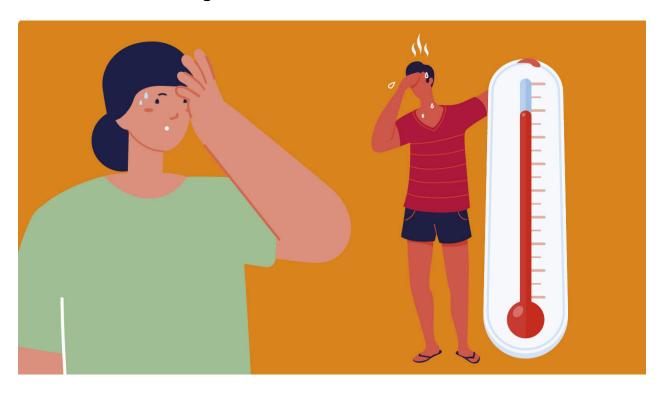
## **Everyday Dialogues: Heat Wave [B1]**

Troppo caldo? Umido? Nuvoloso o piovoso? Il tempo è un argomento che occupa sempre diverse conversazioni: ecco tutto quello che c'è da sapere sul vocabolario meteorologico.



Robert: God, it's baking out there! Claudia: I know! The weatherman got it wrong again. He predicted a cold front coming in. Robert: Same old, same old. Oof, it's sweltering in here, too. Don't tell me the air-con's \*\*down \*\*again? Claudia: I'm afraid so! We'll have to \*\*make do \*\*with the fan. Robert: That blows all my papers of my desk. It gives me a sore throat, too. Claudia: Yep! A sore throat in the middle of a heat wave. Robert: I guess we mustn't grumble. It's always too hot or too rainy or too cold or too blustery... Claudia: Yes, you're right. The upside is that it's Friday. It'll be perfect beach weather! Robert: I bet it rains, though. It always takes a turn for the worse at the weekend. Claudia: Now where's that optimism? Robert: Hey, I'm British! I'm supposed to complain about the weather!

## **NOW LET'S REVIEW THE VOCABULARY!**

Baking and sweltering are synonyms for 'very hot'. You can also say 'scorching' or 'boiling'. When you are mistaken, you get it wrong; conversely, when you guess correctly, you 'get it right'. \*\*Same old, same old \*\*is an expression to indicate that the same thing always happens in a particular situation. In this context, down means it is not working. To \*\*make do \*\*with something means to tolerate it. A \*\*heat wave is a period of unusually hot weather. To grumble\*\* is a synonym of 'to complain'.

Blustery is another word for 'windy'. Other options include 'gusty' or 'breezy'. Upside means the positive aspect of a situation which is generally bad. The opposite is 'downside'. When something takes a turn for the worse, it suddenly becomes bad.

## **Glossary**

- scorching = torrido
- boiling = bollire
- downside = aspetto negativo
- I'm afraid so = temo di sì
- blows all my papers of = far volare
- fan = ventilatore
- air-con's = aria condizionata
- **bet** = scommettere
- though = tuttavia
- weatherman = meteorologo
- coming in = entrare
- mistaken = sbagliarsi
- gusty = ventoso a raffiche
- breezy = ventilato, fresco
- sore throat = mal di gola
- to complain = lamentarsi