

## 4 The world around us

### Vocabulary: The environment

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#### Exercise 1

1 c; 2 f; 3 d; 4 e; 5 a; 6 g; 7 b

### Vocabulary: Climate

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#### Exercise 3

Speaker 1: Saudi Arabia;

Speaker 2: Wales; Speaker 3: Iceland

#### Exercise 4

**Hot:** sweltering, it can exceed 50°C

**Cold:** wrap up warm, it never gets above 25°C

**Wet:** it's constantly drizzling, lush countryside

**Dry:** arid, precipitation is very low

#### Exercise 5

1 g; 2 e; 3 c; 4 i; 5 h; 6 f; 7 j; 8 b; 9 a; 10 d

#### Exercise 6

1 c; 2 b; 3 c; 4 c; 5 a; 6 a; 7 a; 8 b

### Grammar: Cleft sentences

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#### Exercise 9

1 It is the monsoon season that I can't stand.

2 What I want is to go to the beach.

#### Exercise 10

What I like most is hot, dry weather.

It's the rain that influences my mood the most.

What I really can't stand is being cold and wet.

#### Exercise 11

##### Suggested answers:

1 I like warm weather because you can spend more of your time outdoors.

The reason why I like warm weather **is** because you can spend more of your time outdoors.

2 I spend my summers at a lake in the north of country.

The place where I spend my summers **is** at a lake in the north of country.

3 I dislike damp weather most of all because washing takes forever to dry!

The weather that I dislike most of all **is** damp weather because washing takes forever to dry!

### Grammar: Complex sentences

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#### Exercise 13

1 Although snow is beautiful to look at, it makes it difficult to get to work. OR Snow makes it difficult to get work although it is beautiful to look at.

2 Since it rains so much in my country, we spend a lot of our time indoors. OR We spend a lot of our time indoors since it rains so much in my country.

### Grammar: Subordinate clauses

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#### Exercise 14

##### Suggested answers:

1 *Although* it was windy, I walked out to the end of the pier.

2 We built a huge snowman *while* the snow was falling.

3 *Because* I want to help to protect the environment, I'm going to encourage everyone I know to start recycling. [Note: many of us are taught not to start a sentence with *because*, but this is becoming more acceptable and is used in spoken English and even in literature.]

4 *Whenever* the sun shines, I make the most of it by going to the park.

5 *Whatever* the weather, our party will go ahead.

6 *Rather than* driving to work, I've started cycling.

7 I'll go and post the letter *as soon as* it stops raining.

### Pronunciation: Long and short vowel sounds

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#### Exercise 20

a skid; b pitch; c fool; d walk

## 5 Communication

### Vocabulary: Languages

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#### Exercise 1

1 mother tongue; 2 multilingual; 3 fluent;  
4 get by (in); 5 am (a bit) rusty; 6 pick up;  
7 a global language; 8 a minority language;  
9 a foreign language; 10 a widely spoken language; 11 a second language

#### Exercise 2

1 b; 2 c, e; 3 d; 4 a

### Vocabulary: Keeping in touch

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#### Exercise 3

1 have lost touch; 2 keeps in touch;

3 to get back in touch