

UNIT 3: THE ATMOSPHERE

LEARNING TO DESCRIBE THE WEATHER

Dear language assistant,

The aim of this class is the students to learn how to describe the weather in English. We will use a presentation including the main words and a collection of images showing different types of weather. The students will copy the vocabulary as it is appearing in the slides.

- **Temperature:** freezing, cold, cool, temperate, mild, warm, hot.
- **Precipitation:** rain, snow, hail, heavy rain, flood....
- **Winds:** calm, breeze, moderate wind, strong winds, gale, tornado, hurricane
- **State of the sky:** clear sky (or sunny sky), cloudy sky, overcast, fog...
- **Other phenomena:** thunder, lightning, rainbow...

You can comment the presentation using the suitable vocabulary. Some pictures are good to talk about temperature, others are good to talk about precipitation, others allows you to talk about the four elements (temperature, precipitation, wind and state of the sky). Some pictures show a famous weather forecaster, a weather map and devices related to weather (thermometer, rain gage, wind gage, vane...)

You can explain the first 15-20 pictures and leave the rest for the students to comment themselves in loud voice using the words you have taught. Finally, they can write their descriptions, for instance about what the weather is like today.

Thank you