

Word on the Street British Weather

Exercises

Answers are at the end of this support pack.

Activity 1

Watch the video. Which five of these questions does the documentary answer?

1. Why is it difficult to predict British weather?
2. How has British weather changed in the last 50 years?
3. Why do British people like talking about the weather?
4. What kind of weather do most people in Britain prefer?
5. How does a weather presenter prepare a weather bulletin?
6. Why do British people have problems with extreme weather?
7. What's the relationship between British weather and the British character?
8. How does a weather studio work?

Activity 2

Watch the video again. Choose the correct endings to the sentences according to the documentary.

1. BBC Television Centre is in

- a) Birmingham.
 - b) London.
 - c) Manchester.
2. Weather in Britain can be difficult to predict because
 - a) Britain is an island.
 - b) it's a small country.
 - c) the climate is changing around the world.
 3. British people talk about the weather a lot because
 - a) they don't like to talk about personal topics.
 - b) they're worried about extreme weather.
 - c) the weather is always changing.
 4. The BBC has been making TV weather forecasts for
 - a) 50 years.
 - b) 65 years.
 - c) 75 years.
 5. Nowadays, weather forecasts
 - a) give more local detail than in the past.
 - b) are more accurate.
 - c) are more expensive to make.
 6. The weather studio is controlled by
 - a) the weather presenter.
 - b) the studio director.
 - c) a small team of experts.

Activity 3

Put the letters in brackets () in the correct order to complete the expressions with 'weather'.

1. weather f_____ (aceeorrst)
2. weather p_____ (cdeiinort)
3. weather c_____ (eenrt)
4. weather p_____ (eeenrrst)
5. weather s_____ (emsty)
6. weather b_____ (allnoo)
7. weather p_____ (aenrtt)
8. weather b_____ (eillntu)

9. weather s_____ (diotu)

10. weather g_____ (achiprs)

Discussion

- Would you like to be a meteorologist?
- Do you watch or listen to weather forecasts?
- Are weather forecasts reliable in your country?

Discuss these questions with another student or post a comment on the LearnEnglish website.

Answers

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Activity 2

1. b) London.
2. a) Britain is an island.
3. c) the weather is always changing.
4. c) 75 years.
5. b) are more accurate.
6. a) the weather presenter.

Activity 3

1. weather forecaster
2. weather prediction
3. weather centre
4. weather presenter
5. weather system
6. weather balloon
7. weather pattern
8. weather bulletin
9. weather studio
10. weather graphics