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Elementary Podcasts are suitable for learners with different levels of English. Here are some ways to make them easier (if you have a lower level of English) or more difficult (if you have a higher level of English). You can choose one or two of these suggestions - you don't have to do all of them!

Making it easier

- Read all the exercises before you listen to the podcast.
- Look up the words in the exercises that you don't know in a dictionary.
- Play the podcast as many times as you need.
- Play each part of the podcast separately.
- Read the transcript after you have listened to the podcast.

Making it harder

- Listen to the podcast before you read the exercises.
- Only play the podcast once before answering the questions.
- Play the whole podcast without a break.
- Don't read the transcript.

Activity 1 – What did Tess and Ravi say?

- 1) The weather outside the studio is
 - a) good
 - b) bad
 - c) raining

- 2) The British climate is
 - a) extreme
 - b) temperate
 - c) tropical

- 3) British weather
 - a) changes a lot
 - b) is always the same
 - c) is mostly sunny

- 4) British people talk about the weather because
 - a) it's different every day
 - b) it's always bad
 - c) there are many floods

- 5) The British climate is
 - a) only in the winter
 - b) three months in a year
 - c) all the year round

Answers are at the end of this support pack.

Activity 2 – Match the weather words to the sentences.

It's windy It's snowing It's cloudy
It's sunny It's raining

1. There's no sun today and it might rain soon.
2. It's a fantastic day for the beach.
3. Look! That old lady has lost her hat!
4. Look! The houses are all white. It's beautiful.
5. You'll need an umbrella if you go outside.

Activity 3 – Use these words to complete the sentences.

weather overcast wind
season wet shining
rains dry sunny

It's the monsoon _____ in India in July, so it _____ a lot. It's a very _____ month.

British _____ is very changeable – one minute the sun is _____ and the next minute it's grey and _____ with a cold _____.

My favourite month is August – _____ weather with lots of _____ days.

Activity 4 – Look at the phrases about the weather. Match them with the responses to make small dialogues.

A: Beautiful day, isn't it?
A: Another miserable, grey day.
A: Summer will be here soon!
A: That's an angry sky.
A: Not bad weather for the time of year, is it?
A: Did you hear that rain last night?
A: I hate this drizzle.

B: Yes it's lovely. Not a cloud in the sky.
B: It's a bit depressing, isn't it?
B: Yes, it'll be nice to see the sun.
B: Oh dear. I forgot my umbrella!
B: No, we're very lucky.
B: Yes I did - it was terrible.
B: Me too, it never stops. I prefer rain!

Activity 5 – Leave a comment

Tell us about the climate in your country.

Is it always the same or does it change a lot? What are the best times of year and the worst? What temperature do you think is a hot day and what temperature do you think is a cold day?

Leave a comment on

<http://learnenglish.britishcouncil.org/en/elementary-podcasts/series-03-episode-03> and we'll

discuss the weather in your countries in the next podcast.

Answers

Activity 1
1B 2B 3A 4A 5C

Activity 2

There's no sun today and it might rain soon. - It's cloudy.
It's a fantastic day for the beach. - It's sunny.
Look! That old lady has lost her hat! - It's windy.

Look! The houses are all white. It's beautiful. - It's snowing.
You'll need an umbrella if you go outside. - It's raining.

Activity 3

It's the monsoon **season** in India in July, so it **rains** a lot. It's a very **wet** month.
British **weather** is very changeable – one minute the sun is **shining** and the next minute it's grey and **overcast** with a cold **wind**.

My favourite month is August – **dry** weather with lots of **sunny** days.

Activity 4

A: Beautiful day, isn't it?
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B: Yes, it'll be nice to see the sun.
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