

weather bingo

Asking about the weather is often used as a warm-up activity when teaching younger learners, in fact it's probably used as a warm-up activity in every class from kindergarten to adults.

Often the type of conversation runs along the lines of asking how the weather is today, which depending on where you are can be the same week in, week out, which becomes a bit monotonous after a few months. That's where weather bingo can help, it turns the weather conversation into a game allowing you, the teacher, to expand this useful conversation gambit. Of course as with any lesson resource there are numerous ways of using weather bingo in your classes, below are a few ideas to get you started.

There are six game boards and one sheet of weather flashcards, which also double as your calling cards, and a sheet of markers.

Note: You can select which sheets to print using the Adobe Acrobat controls.

Flashcards

Use the flashcards to remind the students of the weather vocabulary:

rainy, snowy, cloudy, stormy, sunny, windy, hot and cold.

Give each student a card and then work around the group asking "How's the weather?", the student then has to answer using the weather as on his or her card with " It's _____."

For younger learners you could print two sets of the cards and play the matching game by spreading the cards face down and inviting the students to turn over two cards looking for pairs. Remember to prompt them to say what they see, even if it doesn't match!

Bingo Game

Either put the flashcards in a cloth bag or conceal them in another way. Pull a card out the bag and ask the students what it is. After correctly identifying the card the students place a marker on the corresponding square on their game board. Be sure to keep talking about the weather with your students.

Either play until one person has a bingo, or for more English practice keep playing for multiple bingos eventually covering all the squares.

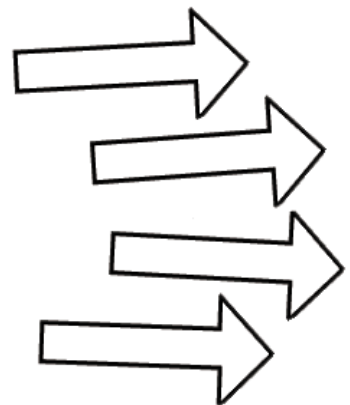
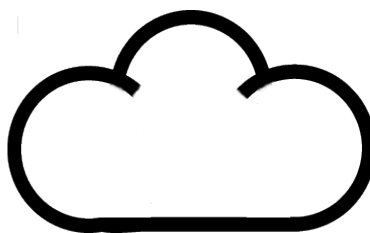
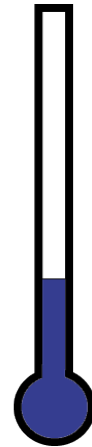
The center square is a 'free' square (it doesn't need to be called) and have common phrases used when talking about the weather. Maybe you and your students can practice saying them.

Final note: Those of you who grew up in the UK might recognise the inspiration for the weather symbols!

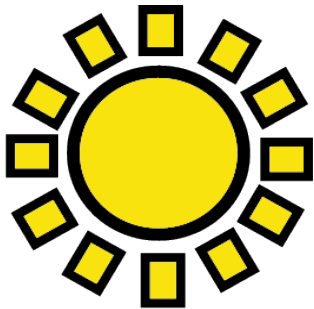
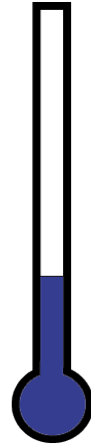
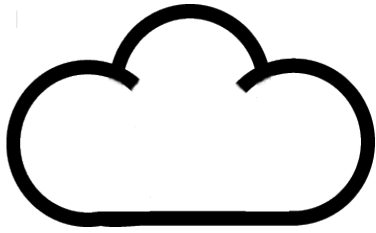
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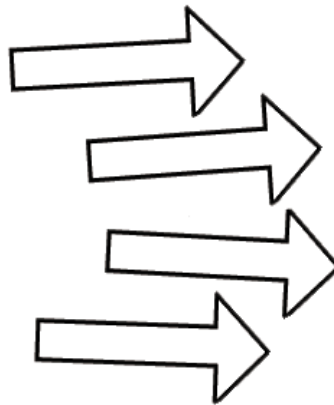
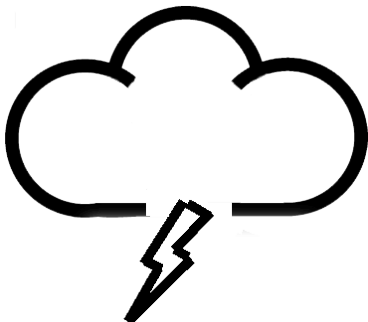


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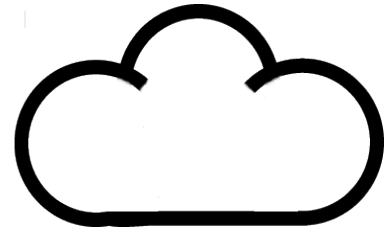
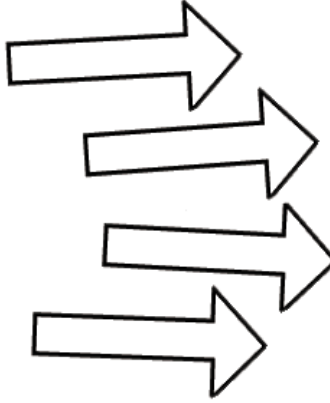
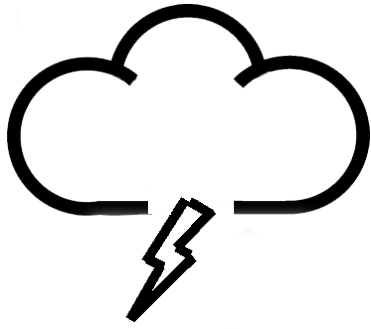


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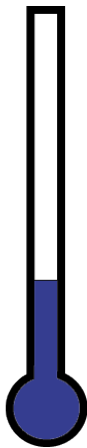
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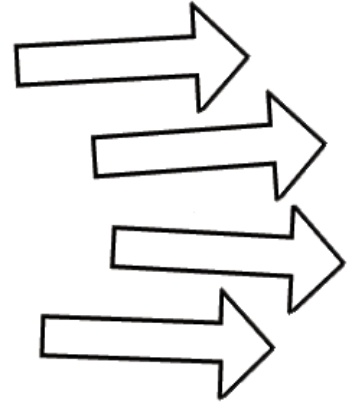
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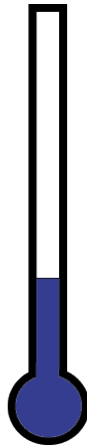
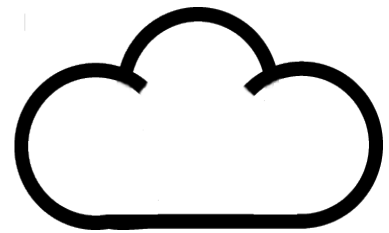
You'll
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umbrella.



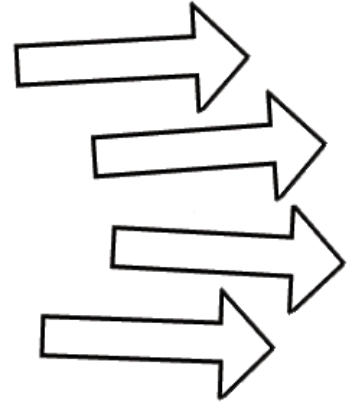
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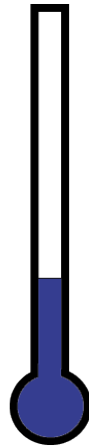
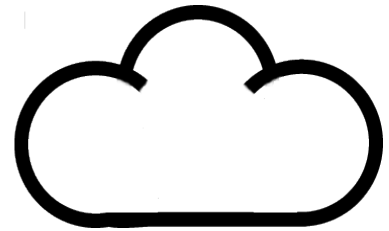
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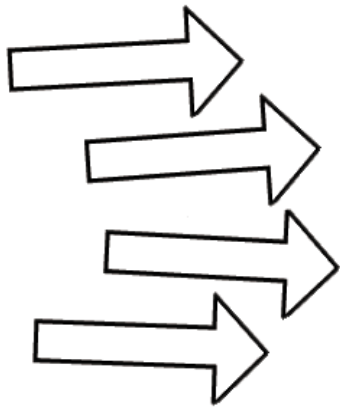
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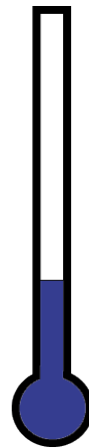
Wrap up
warm.

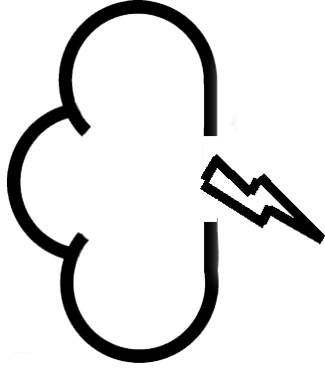


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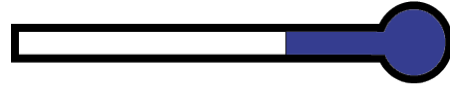


It's great
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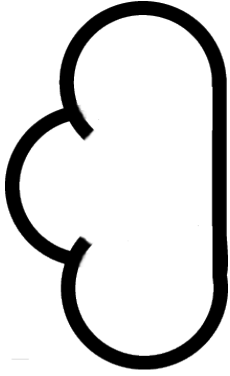




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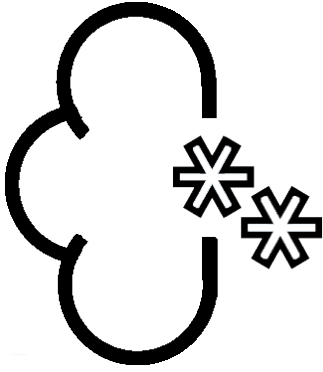
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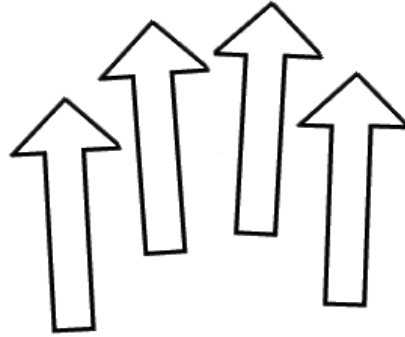
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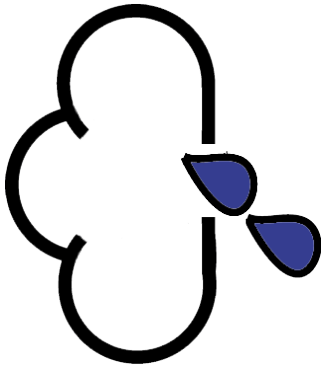
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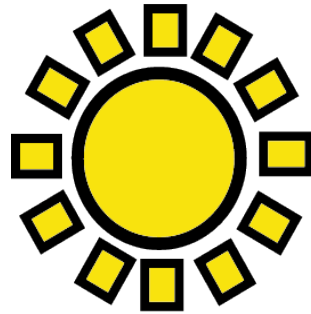
snowy



windy



rainy



sunny

