

What's the weather like?

Introduction

- **Level:** B1
- **Skills:** Listening
- **Topics:** Vocabulary – Environment & natural events
- **Merging subjects:** Creative thinking, problem-solving, critical thinking, ecology

The enigma

- **Keywords**

Students listen to a weather forecast and mark some sentences true or false.

- **Toolbox**

computer or CD player or any other equipment to play the audio, computer with internet access, five numbered keys (only one opens a lock attached to a pair of scissors), scissors.

The teacher records the following text, so that students are able to listen to it.

Welcome to our station's weather forecast. Let's see what the weather is like today in our country. In the north of the country, it's very cold and windy. The temperature is around 10° centigrade. It is expected to start raining at lunchtime today, so you are advised not to leave home without your umbrella! In the east it's rainy all day today. The temperature is a bit higher, at around 13° centigrade. There will be a thunderstorm in Liverpool late in the afternoon. In the west and middle of the country the weather is dry, but cloudy. The temperature is just 10° centigrade. So, there is no rain in this part of the country, but it is quite windy and cold. The south of the country has the best weather today. It is cloudy most of the time but you will have a lot of sun in the afternoon. The temperature is around 15° centigrade.



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The number that corresponds to the true (right) statements indicates the right numbered key (among others) that unlocks the lock attached to a pair of scissors.

While listening to the weather forecast, students do a True/False activity on Kahoot that can be accessed at:

<https://create.kahoot.it/share/weather-forecast/e8937e05-26bd-4c65-af41-2926b0c771a2>

The sentences used in the True/False activity are the following:

	True	False
1. It will rain all day long in the north of the country.		
2. The temperature will be about 13° centigrade in the east.		
3. There will be thunder in Liverpool this evening.		
4. There will be no rain in the west and middle of the country.		
5. Showers are expected in the south early in the morning.		
6. The weather in the south will worse than the east.		

Students have to answer the question “How many questions are True?” in order to proceed. The number of the right sentences corresponds to the right key from a key bunch. The right key unlocks a pair of scissors that students will need to do something with (e.g. cut a rope to unlock a box).

Solution: True: 2, 4 (2 sentences)

Hints

The most difficult part of the enigma is when students have to think that they are expected to use the number of the right sentences in order to go on with the scenario. At this point, the teacher can lead students by asking them “How many right sentences have you identified?”

Students can use the scissors to do something, for example to cut a rope and open something that hides a clue.

In case students do not come up with the right answers, they are given the chance to repeat the online activity. But this means that they will lose precious time.



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More information

Possible restrictions

Some students, especially those with hearing problems, might find the listening task difficult.

Students might wish to listen to the weather forecast more than once in order to mark the sentences.

If the teacher prefers, they can photocopy the True/False exercise instead of asking students to do it online.

References

- ✓ <https://kahoot.com/>

