

# Weather



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What's the weather like where you live?

It's pretty **fickle**.<sup>(1)</sup> The weather can change really quickly and sometimes you can't tell whether it is winter or summer.

Do you prefer cold or hot weather?

I don't like sweating **in general**.<sup>(2)</sup> so I prefer cold weather. But when it is freezing cold, I feel kind of uncomfortable because I have to put on too many **layers of clothing**.<sup>(3)</sup> and sometimes I can't feel my nose.

Do you prefer dry or wet weather?

Dry weather for sure. I don't like getting my clothes wet. And sometimes wet weather makes me feel kind of sad. Being **a boring individual**.<sup>(4)</sup> as I already am, I don't appreciate any extra sadness.

Are you in the habit of checking the weather forecast?

Not really. I only check the weather forecast before certain occasions, like when I have to **attend an outdoor event**.<sup>(5)</sup> or when I am about to go somewhere on holiday. I really hate when **the weather turns bad**.<sup>(6)</sup> when you're on holiday.

**1. to be fickle (adj):** thay đổi thường và đột ngột.

Ex: It's so hard to predict the weather since it's kinda fickle.

**2. in general:** nhìn chung.

Ex: In general, I don't like wearing jeans in sunny days.

**3. layers of clothing:** các lớp quần áo.

Ex: I can not put on many layers of clothing when it comes to summer.

**4. a boring individual:** một người nhàm chán.

Ex: For me, he is a boring individual.

**5. attend an outdoor event:** tham dự sự kiện ngoài trời.

Ex: I love attending an outdoor event in summer.

**6. the weather turns bad:** thời tiết xấu đi.

Ex: We had to changed the plan since the weather turned bad.

# Writing



1.4

Did you like writing when you were a child? Why/Why not?

Definitely not. During my childhood, writing was **my number one nightmare**<sup>(1)</sup>. My **handwriting was a mess**<sup>(2)</sup> and I could never think of anything to write.

What kinds of things do you write during a typical day?

I have to write **daily reports**<sup>(3)</sup> but they are fairly short. And I only have to write them in **bullet point format**,<sup>(4)</sup> so really little effort and skill is required.

Do you think the kinds of things you write will change in the future? Why/Why not?

I honestly don't know. I am not the one who determines the kinds of things that I need to write about, that's **up to**<sup>(5)</sup> my boss. If my boss wants me to write a different type of report, then I'll have to do it

Do you prefer typing or writing things by hand? Why?

Since my handwriting is pretty bad, **typing is my preference**.<sup>(6)</sup> Also, typing is much faster and more convenient. I can easily **correct any mistakes**<sup>(7)</sup> and use many other features available on Microsoft Word **to compose different types of documents**.<sup>(8)</sup>

**1. my number one nightmare:** ác mộng số một của tôi.

Ex: Learning to write letter was my number one nightmare when I was in school.

**2. my handwriting was a mess:** chữ viết tay của tôi là một mớ hỗn độn.

Ex: I should not write this formal letter since my handwriting was a mess.

**3. daily reports:** báo cáo hàng ngày.

Ex: My boss requires me to send him daily reports.

**4. bullet point format:** định dạng dấu đầu dòng.

Ex: She has to write her ideas in bullet point format.

**5. to be up to:** tùy thuộc vào.

Ex: It's up to you.

**6. to be my preference:** thích cái gì đó hơn.

Ex: Typing on a laptop is my preference.

**7. correct any mistakes:** sửa bất kỳ lỗi nào.

Ex: I have more chance to correct any mistakes when typing.

**8. to compose different types of documents:**

soạn thảo các văn bản, tài liệu khác nhau.

Ex: To compose different types of documents, I use Google Docs.