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# Sun and the City

## 1 VOCABULARY & LISTENING

the weather and seasons

- Look at the photo and answer the questions.
  - What city is it?
  - What monument can you see?
  - What's the weather like? Do you think it's typical weather there?



- Vocabulary Bank** *The weather and dates.* Do part 1.

- Listen to a travel guide talking about the weather in New York City. Mark the sentences **T** (true) or **F** (false).
  - It's never very hot or very cold.
  - The normal temperature in the summer is 95° F.
  - It often snows in the winter.
  - In the spring and the fall, the weather changes a lot.
  - It's often foggy in New York City.
- What's the weather like where you live in the different seasons?

## 2 READING & SPEAKING

- Read the guidebook extract about things to do in New York City, and find the answers to the "Where can you...?" questions. Answer with **BP** (Bryant Park), **CL** (The Cloisters), or **HL** (the High Line).  
  
**b** Read the text again. Underline three new words in each paragraph. Compare with a partner.  
  
**c** Talk to a partner.
  - Which of the three places would you prefer to go to? Why?
  - Where is a good place to go in *your town*...?
    - when it's very cold
    - when it's raining
    - when the sun is shining
  - What can you do in these places?

## WHAT TO DO IN NEW YORK CITY...

### 1 WHEN IT'S VERY COLD

**Go ice skating at Bryant Park.** Bryant Park is a beautiful park in midtown Manhattan, behind the New York Public Library on Sixth Avenue. In the winter, the area behind the library is made into an ice-skating rink. There is a skating school where you can take lessons, and there is a cafe where you can enjoy lunch or dinner after you skate. From October to January, Bryant Park's walking paths become an outdoor shopping center called the Holiday Shops at Bryant Park.

### 2 WHEN IT'S RAINING

**Go to Fort Tryon Park and visit The Cloisters.**

You can take a subway or a bus from midtown Manhattan and visit The Cloisters (part of the Metropolitan Museum of Art) in Fort Tryon Park in the north of Manhattan. The Cloisters is very popular with adults and children. Adults like this museum because it is full of interesting old art and architecture. Children like this museum because the building looks like a castle! If the sun comes out, walk outside and look at the amazing views of the George Washington Bridge or the New Jersey Palisades across the Hudson River.

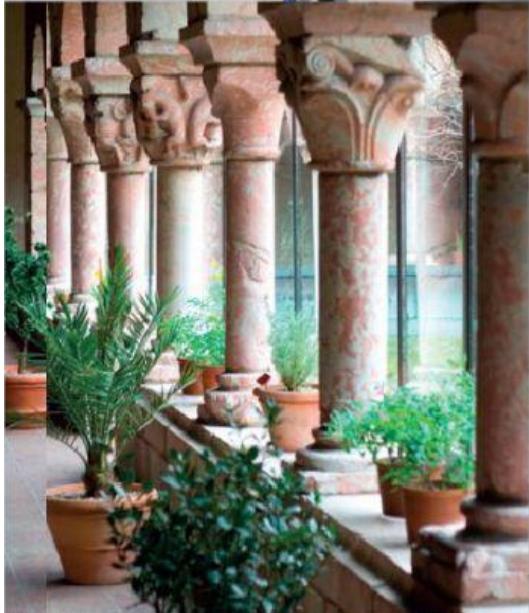
### 3 WHEN THE SUN IS SHINING

**Go to the High Line, New York City's newest park.**

On the west side of Manhattan between Gansevoort Street and West 34th Street, the High Line is a 1-mile public park on old train tracks. The High Line has flower gardens with chairs so you can sit and enjoy the sun. It has beautiful views of the Hudson River and interesting art. It's a perfect place for a picnic in the afternoon or a walk in the evening. It's a beautiful place, and you can't believe that you are in the middle of a busy city.

#### WHERE CAN YOU...?

1	<input type="checkbox"/>	learn to do something new
2	<input type="checkbox"/>	take a walk in the evening
3	<input type="checkbox"/>	have a very good view
4	<input type="checkbox"/>	see art
5	<input type="checkbox"/>	exercise
6	<input type="checkbox"/>	do some shopping
7	<input type="checkbox"/>	see a bridge
8	<input type="checkbox"/>	see a very interesting building



### 3 GRAMMAR simple present or present continuous?

a Jack and his girlfriend Marisol are at the Top of the Rock at Rockefeller Center. Cover the conversation and listen. Check (✓) the places they see.

Rockefeller Center  Central Park  Yankee Stadium  
 St. Patrick's Cathedral  The Statue of Liberty  Chrysler Building

b Listen to the conversation again, and put the verbs in parentheses into the present continuous or the simple present.

M Oh, it's really crowded up here! Let's stand over there. Those people are moving (move).

J This is great. Everybody take (take) photos, too. Look, that's Central Park.

M Where? Oh, yes. I can see it. Where's the Brooklyn Bridge?

J It's over there. And look at Yankee Stadium. A baseball game is on!

M How do you know?

J Because the stadium lights shine (shine). The lights only shine (shine) when there's a baseball game on.

J I love (love) the view of the Hudson River with the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island.

M Me, too. Go and stand there. I want (want) to take a photo of you.

J OK. Make sure you get the Chrysler Building, too.

M I think it start (start) to rain. Oh, yes, look. It rain (rain).

J It always rain (rain) when we're sightseeing!

M And it's windy, too. Let's go back inside.

M Quick, the elevator door open (open). Let's go.

c Read the conversation again, and focus on the verbs *shine* and *rain*. When do we use the simple present? When do we use the present continuous?

d **► Grammar Bank.** Learn more about the simple present and present continuous and practice them.

### 4 PRONUNCIATION places in New York City

a Place names in New York City are sometimes difficult for visitors to pronounce and understand. Listen. Underline the stressed syllable in the **bold** words.

Central Park   the Brooklyn Bridge   the Statue of Liberty   Ellis Island  
St. Patrick's Cathedral   Rockefeller Center   the Hudson River  
Yankee Stadium   Washington Square Park   Grand Central Terminal

b Listen again and repeat the names.

c Practice with a partner. Imagine you are in a taxi.

Where do you want to go? To Grand Central Terminal, please.



## simple present or present continuous?

simple present	present continuous
My sister <b>works</b> in a bank.	Today she's <b>working</b> at home.
What <b>do you</b> usually <b>wear</b> to work?	What <b>are you wearing</b> now?
It <b>rains</b> a lot here in the spring.	Look! It's <b>raining</b> .

- We often use the present continuous with *right now, today, this week*.

### What do you do? or What are you doing?

A **What do you do?** (= What's your job?)  
B I'm a teacher.  
A **What are you doing?** (= now, at the moment)  
B I'm waiting for a friend.

- We use the simple present to say what we usually do, or things that are normally true.
- We often use the simple present with adverbs and expressions of frequency, e.g., *always, often, once a week*, etc.
- We use the present continuous to say what is happening now.

**a** Circle the correct form.

A What **do you cook / are you cooking**? I'm really hungry.

B Spaghetti. We can eat in ten minutes.

- 1 A Hello. Is Martin at home?  
B No, **he plays / he's playing** soccer with his friends.
- 2 A **Do your parents live / Are your parents living** near here?  
B Yes. **They have / are having** an apartment in the same building as me.
- 3 A How often **do you go / are you going** to the hair stylist?  
B About once a month. When **I think / I'm thinking** my hair's too long.
- 4 A Don't make a noise! Your father **sleeps / is sleeping**!  
B Is he OK? He **doesn't usually sleep / isn't usually sleeping** in the afternoon.

**b** Put the verbs in parentheses in the simple present or present continuous.

Look. It's **raining**. (rain)

- 1 A Hi, Sarah! What **\_\_\_\_\_** you **\_\_\_\_\_** here? (do)  
B I **\_\_\_\_\_** for a friend. (wait)
- 2 A Let's have lunch. **\_\_\_\_\_** you **\_\_\_\_\_** hamburgers? (like)  
B No, sorry. I'm a vegetarian. I **\_\_\_\_\_** meat. (not eat)
- 3 A Listen! The neighbors **\_\_\_\_\_** a party again. (have)  
B They **\_\_\_\_\_** a party every weekend! (have)
- 4 A What **\_\_\_\_\_** your husband **\_\_\_\_\_**? (do)  
B He's a teacher. He **\_\_\_\_\_** at the local school. (work)
- 5 A Hi, Lisa. Where **\_\_\_\_\_** you **\_\_\_\_\_**? (go)  
B To the gym. I **\_\_\_\_\_** to the gym every evening. (go)