1 The British and the weather

Before you watch

1 SPEAKING **Work in pairs. Answer the questions.**

1 Have you ever visited Britain? If so, what was it like? If not, would you like to go?
2 Do you know any British people? How would you describe their personalities?
3 What do you think foreigners think about people from your country?

Comprehension check

2 ▶ **Watch the DVD clip. Choose the correct answers.**

1 Which of these is a stereotype about British people?
  a They are polite.
  b They are happy.
  c They are generous.
2 What do most British people like talking about?
  a sport **b** politics **c** the weather
3 What percentage of people check the weather forecast every day?
  a 17% **b** 57% **c** 70%

3 ▶ **Watch again. Number the types of weather in the order you first see them (1–4).**



A rainy ___



B snowy ___



C sunny ___



D windy ___

4 ▶ **Watch again. Complete the sentences with the words below. There are two extra words.**

embarrassed extreme finish interesting mild phrases start words

1 British people are _____ to talk about certain things.
2 Some people talk about the weather because it is an _____ subject.
3 The weather in Britain is usually _____.
4 In Britain, _____ weather is unusual.
5 People often _____ conversations by talking about the weather.
6 There are hundreds of weather _____ in the English language.

Round up

5 SPEAKING **Work in groups. Answer the question.**

How do you think people in your country are different to British people?

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Vocabulary

6 RECYCLE **Match the adjectives below with the sentences that they describe.**

confused embarrassed relieved shocked upset

1 I don't understand what he just said about the meeting. _____
2 Oh dear, that's so sad. I think I'm going to cry. _____
3 You've found my phone and my keys! Phew! I was really worried I'd lost them. _____
4 I can't believe I forgot the words to the song. Everyone in the audience saw me! _____
5 Did you see the news? There's a fire at the school! I can't believe it. _____

7 **Complete the text with the words below.**

awkward controversial emotion stereotype

A different view of the British

Visitors to Britain often say the food is terrible, it rains all the time and the British people never show [1]_____. But this is a [2]_____ that many foreign people who live in Britain don't agree with. While British people may seem [3]_____ or shy at first, once they become friends, they can be warm and friendly. And don't worry, you can talk about more than the weather, as British people enjoy talking about more [4]_____ topics like politics and religion with their friends.

Extension

8 **Work in groups. Make a presentation that gives advice to foreign people who want to live in your country. Think about the following:**

- how to introduce yourself
- how to make friends
- what to do when you go to someone's house
- what is polite and impolite in your country

9 **Give your presentation. Use the key phrases for giving advice.**

Giving advice

I think / don't think you should ...
You need to ...
You have to ...
You should ...
That's my advice.

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