

READING 2

PREVIEWING

UNDERSTANDING KEY VOCABULARY

PREPARING TO READ

1 Look at the texts. Circle the correct answers (a–c) to the questions (1–3).

1 Where are the texts from?
a a book b a magazine c a web page

2 Which text is about the weather in Cuba now?
a Text A b Text B c Text C

3 Which texts are about typical weather in Cuba?
a Texts A and B b Texts B and C c Texts A and C

2 Read the sentences (1–4) below and write the words from the box in the gaps.

wind speed rainfall climate temperature

- 1 Use degrees centigrade (°C) to talk about _____.
- 2 Use kilometres per hour (kph) to talk about _____.
- 3 Use millimetres (mm) to talk about _____.
- 4 Use seasons to talk about _____.

3 Write the words from the box in the gaps in Text B opposite. Use the wordlist on page 194 to help you.

windy sunny rainy cloudy

Cuba is in the Caribbean. The climate in Cuba is good. It has two seasons: the dry season and the rainy season. The dry season and the rainy season last for six months.

The dry season is from November to April. The average temperatures are between 22 °C and 25 °C in the dry season. The average rainfall is 62 mm in the dry season. It is windy in the dry season.

The rainy season is from May to October. In the rainy season, the average temperatures are between 26 °C and 28 °C.

The average rainfall in the rainy season is 146 mm.

The best time to visit Cuba is April or May.



TODAY



(1) _____

MONDAY



(2) _____

TUESDAY

(3) _____
and cloudy

WEDNESDAY

(4) _____
sunny and

THURSDAY



sunny

SEASON (MONTHS)	AVERAGE TEMPERATURE °C	AVERAGE RAINFALL (MM)	AVERAGE WIND SPEED (KPH)
Dry (Nov–Apr)	23 °C	62 mm	8 kph
Rainy (May–Oct)	27 °C	146 mm	15 kph

SCANNING TO FIND INFORMATION



WHILE READING

4 Match the facts (1–8) to the correct words and numbers (a–h).

1 average temperatures (°C) in the dry season	a 15
2 months in the rainy season	b 31
3 average rainfall (mm) in the dry season	c 22–25
4 temperature (°C) on Thursday	d 146
5 months in the dry season	e November to April
6 average wind speed (kph) in the rainy season	f 62
7 average rainfall (mm) in the rainy season	g 26–28
8 average temperatures (°C) in the rainy season	h May to October

DISCUSSION

5 Work with a partner. Ask and answer the questions below.

- 1 Is the climate in Cuba good?
- 2 What are the seasons in Cuba?
- 3 Is the climate in your country good?
- 4 What are the seasons in your country?
- 5 Where can you find facts about climate in your country?