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Talking about the weather



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HEAT WAVE in the Yucatan Peninsula



Visitors to Mérida are going to have to find ways to stay cool next week. That's because **forecasters** expect **record temperatures** in the Yucatan Peninsula starting on Monday. They **predict** a **high** of 40°C on Monday. And

the nighttime low will be around 28°C. The hot weather is going to last until Thursday. The days will be **sunny** and **clear** and there will be little **cloud cover**. Many visitors will probably stay indoors and enjoy the air conditioning. It

will also be a great time to explore the local beaches and **get some sun**.

But **beachgoers** will need an umbrella on Friday. On Friday, the **heat wave** is going to end. Skies will be

cloudy and there is going to be a sixty percent chance of rain. The high on Friday will be 35°C. And the low will be 26°C. The stormy weather will last all weekend.

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1 What is the weather like today?

2 What kind of weather do you like best?

Reading

2 Listen and read an article from the weather section of a newspaper.

What is the lowest temperature expected during the week? Fill in the blank.

The lowest temperature of the week is expected to be °C on Friday night.

Choose the right answers.

1 According to the passage, how long will the hot weather last?

- A for the weekend B until Monday C for four days D until Saturday

2 Mr. Williams wants to get some sun. What is probably the best day to go to the beach?

- A Thursday B Friday C Saturday D Sunday

3 What is the weather going to be on the weekend?

- A sunny B clear C dry D rainy

Vocabulary

3 Read the sentence pairs. Choose which word or phrase best fits each blank.

cloudy sunny

1 Many people are going to the beach today. It is today.

Melanie likes when it's bright outside. She doesn't like weather.

beachgoer forecaster

2 The will swim in the ocean today.

The 's job is to predict the weather.

cloud cover heat wave

3 Allison didn't get a tan today. There was too much .


Max stays inside during the because he doesn't like hot weather.

Vocabulary

4 Choose the sentence that uses the underlined part correctly.

- 1 A) It is a stormy day and there are no clouds in the sky.
 B) The record temperature is 41°C. It has never been hotter than that.
- 2 A) Because today is sunny, many people are at the beach to get some sun.
 B) When it is clear it will probably rain.
- 3 A) Today's high is the hottest temperature of the day.
 B) The day's low is the temperature in the morning.

Listening

5  Listen to a conversation between a hotel employee and a guest. Then answer the questions.

1 According to the dialogue, it is raining hard because it is the

- A morning
- B afternoon
- C rainy season
- D cloudy season

2 The hotel employee tells the guest that it will be ... this afternoon.

- A cold
- B hot
- C cloudy
- D stormy

3 The guest will most likely go to the ... in the morning.

- A beach
- B aquarium
- C museum
- D hotel

Listening

6 Listen again. Fill in the blanks.

Hotel Employee: 1) , Mr. Reeves. How are you today?

Guest: I'm fine, thank you. Wow! It's really 2) out there.

Hotel Employee: That's because it's the 3) .

Guest: Do you know when it will 4) ?

Hotel Employee: Oh, it'll be 5) all morning.

Guest: That's too bad. I wanted to visit the beach this morning.

Hotel Employee: Don't worry. It's supposed to clear up this afternoon.

Guest: Will it be 6) ?

Hotel Employee: Yes. It's going to be sunny and hot.

Guest: That's good. I'll go to the beach later then. But what will I do in the morning?

Hotel Employee: You can visit the museum. There's also an aquarium nearby.

Guest: The aquarium sounds great. I'd better get my umbrella before I go out.

Speaking

7 Complete the conversation below based on Task 6, with the phrases given. Then, take roles and act it out.

USE LANGUAGE SUCH AS:

It will be stormy all morning.

Will it be hot?

It's going to be sunny.

Student A: You are the hotel employee. Answer Student B's questions and offer suggestions.

Student B: You are a guest at a hotel. Ask the hotel employee questions about:

- The weather
- The temperature
- Suggested activities

Well, it will be stormy all morning but then it is supposed to clear up this afternoon.

How are you today?

You can visit the museum.

But it will be sunny and hot.

A: Good morning, Mr. Jacobs.

B: I'm fine. Can you tell me what the weather is going to be like for the rest of the day?

A:

B: What will the temperature be then?

A: I don't know exactly.

B: Hmm. I think I'll go swimming later then. What do you suggest I do this morning?

A:

There's also an aquarium nearby.

B: Thanks. The aquarium sounds great. I'd better get my umbrella before I go out.

Writing

8 Imagine that you are a hotel worker. Use the dialogue in Task 7 to fill in the information in the hotel lobby about the weather forecast.

Today's Weather

Morning

Weather:

Suggested Activities: visit the ; go to the

Afternoon

Weather: and hot

Suggested Activities:



1 What is the weather like today?

The weather today is cloudy and quite cool. There is a lot of cloud cover so it will probably rain later on in the day.

2 What kind of weather do you like best?

I like hot weather best. I like it to be sunny and clear with just a slight wind. The ideal temperature for me is around 30 degrees Celsius.

Hotel Employee: Good morning, Mr. Reeves. How are you today?

Guest: I'm fine, thank you. Wow! It's really raining hard out there.

Hotel Employee: That's because it's the rainy season.

Guest: Do you know when it will stop raining?

Hotel Employee: Oh, it'll be stormy all morning.

Guest: That's too bad. I wanted to visit the beach this morning.

Hotel Employee: Don't worry. It's supposed to clear up this afternoon.

Guest: Will it be hot?

Hotel Employee: Yes. It's going to be sunny and hot.

Guest: That's good. I'll go to the beach later then. But what will I do in the morning?

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