

## ● What is the weather like today?

It's the middle of winter, so it's cold / windy / wet / snowy / cloudy and overcast. The temperature is below zero / it's freezing. It snowed / there is no snow. Spring is here/ it has warmed up / it is getting warmer. / It's cloudy / there are some showers / it's drizzling / the weather always changes, one moment it can be cold and then warm. There is a rainbow in the sky. It's summer, it's bright and sunny / there are thunderstorms. Sometimes it gets really hot and there is a heat wave. Autumn is foggy / misty. It's getting colder / chilly. The days get shorter.

## ● What are the seasons?

There are typically four seasons in the year: spring, summer, autumn / fall (AmE) and winter. In the southern hemisphere, for example in Australia, winter is the months of June, July and August, when Europeans are enjoying their summer. And the winter in Australia is not like we know it; it snows only in the mountains.

## ● What season / weather do you like and why?

I like spring when everything is growing / it's like a new beginning / it is getting warmer. I prefer summer when it's hot and everything is blooming. You don't have to wear a lot of clothes. I like storms in summer; they are so energetic. You can see lightning in the sky and then hear the thunder. Autumn is beautiful when it's foggy in the morning / when the colourful leaves are falling off the trees. I like winter when the days are clear, you can stay at home and be cosy. I love the snow; you can go ice-skating, skiing or snowboarding.

## ● What type of weather do you dislike?

I hate when it rains for days / it's rainy and you can't do anything. I don't like snow in the city, it melts and it is dirty and slushy... I don't like when

it's cold and you have to wear so many layers of clothes. Some people don't like hot weather and they stay inside. I hate grey, cloudy days, I miss the sun. It's just really depressing.

## ● Do you ever watch the weather forecast?

I always watch / follow the weather forecast on TV, so I know what to wear. I always check the forecast on the internet so I am prepared. It's always a good idea to check the weather when you go on holiday so you know what to bring. I don't really care about the weather, it's boring / I change the channel. The forecast is always wrong anyway; it's never completely correct.

## ● What is the weather like in the Czech Republic?

Weather is affected by the climate. The Czech Republic has a mild climate, so on average the weather is not extreme. But the weather can change in different regions of the country. For example, in the mountains it can be much cooler or rain more. On average, temperatures can reach -9 degrees in the winter and +20 degrees in the summer, but in some areas temperatures fall to -25 degrees in the winter, and reach up to +35-40 degrees in the summer.

## ● What problems can extreme weather cause?

Too much rain can start floods. Or also if the snow melts too quickly, the rivers flood. For example, in 2002 the Czech Republic had huge floods which destroyed large areas of the country. In winter the snow and icy roads can make travelling difficult and cause car accidents. If it doesn't rain, there can be droughts and there is no water for crops. Other examples of extreme weather include tornadoes and hurricanes in the US, which can destroy large areas of land and communities.



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