Speaking Sample Questions

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Weather & Climate

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Part One:

- Are there any bad points about the weather in your city?
- Have you ever been caught in bad weather unexpectedly?
- Do you always pay attention to the weather forecast? Why?
- Do you like sunny weather?
- Do you think extremely hot or cold weather condition would have influence on one's study?
- Do you think the weather in your country is very changeful?
- Do you watch weather forecasts on TV? Why? or why not?
- Does the weather affect what you do?
- Have you ever been to any place where weather is different to your hometown?
- How do you feel when the weather is cloudy?
- How does the weather affect people?
- What do you think about his season?
- What season do you like best?
- What season do you think is most suitable for your work/study?
- What sorts of weather do you least like?
- Does the weather have much impact on your life?
- What sort of weather do you like the most?
- Has the weather in your country changed much in the past few years?



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Part Two:

Talk about your most favorite Season in your country

You should say:

- What is it and when does it come?
- Why do you like it?
- Changes happen in this season.
- Things you like to do in this season.

And explain the season in brief.

Describe a day when you thought the weather was perfect.

You should say:

- Where you were on this day
- What the weather was like
- What you did during the day

And explain why you thought the weather was perfect on this day



Describe an experience you had with bad weather.

You should say:

- What sort of bad weather it was
- When it happened
- Where you were when it happened

And explain how it affected you and what you did. Have you told anybody else about this experience, such as your classmates or friends.

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Model Answer for the THIRD CUE CARD.

I remember once, about 5 years ago, in our English school we experienced something very strange. The weather had been very bad all week, especially the heavy rain. It was at the end of the week, I think it was maybe Thursday evening, while we were in English class and a terrible storm was happening outside. There was thunder and lightning and extremely heavy rain.

As we were sitting there in the class, some water started to drip through the ceiling into the classroom. At first it didn't seem very serious and the teacher called for someone to come and clean it up while we continued with the lesson. But within about 10 minutes we had to evacuate the classroom because the slow drip started to become much worse. We were standing outside in the corridor while the teacher went to try and find an alternative classroom so we could continue without any more problems, when we all heard a loud crash from inside the classroom. When we looked inside we couldn't believe our eyes - a large part of the ceiling had fallen into the classroom - and there was debris everywhere.

When the teacher came back a few minutes later we told her what had happened. She looked in the room and then started to laugh. Then we all started laughing and saying how lucky we were to have left the room before it happened. Then the manager of the school appeared to see what was going on and when he saw the big hole in the roof, he had a look of amazement on his face.

After a few minutes we relocated to another classroom and continued our lesson, while some of the staff in the school tried to clear up some of the mess and collect the water that was coming in through the big hole in the roof. Luckily the next few days were dry, the storm had passed, and the school had to close off that section so that they could repair the roof outside. But we'll never forget what happened - we could have been sitting there in the room when it happened if we hadn't decided to try and find another room.

Of course, I had to tell my parents all about it and some of my other friends too...they thought I was very lucky.



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Part Three:

- What has been the worst bad weather in your country recently?
- How does bad weather affect daily life in your country?
- What effects does the weather have on people?
- What do people in your country do when the weather is bad?
- Do you think there is anything that we can do to prevent bad weather?
- Is there anything we can do to prepare for bad weather?
- Does bad weather ever affect people's ability to travel?
- Do you think the weather (or climate) can affect people's mood?
- Do you think people become depressed or bored during bad weather?
- Why do people live in places where the weather can sometimes be bad?
- Do you think people's personalities are influenced by the type of weather (or climate) they usually experience?
- Do you think people who live in cold places have different personalities to people who live in warm or hot places?
- Do you think there are any problems with the world's climate now?
- How do people change the way they live in different seasons?
- What different activities do people do in the different seasons?
- What types of weather do people in your country dislike most? Why is that?
- What jobs can be affected by different weather conditions? Why?
- How important do you think it is for everyone to check what the next day's weather will be? Why?
- What is the best way to get accurate information about the weather?
- How easy or difficult is it to predict the weather in your country? Why is that?

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