



Describing Weather in Another Language

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Why Talk About Weather in Another Language?

Weather is one of the easiest and most useful things to describe in a foreign language. Whether you're visiting **France**, **Spain**, or **Germany**, people talk about the weather all the time! Learning weather words helps you start conversations, understand locals, and sound more natural when speaking.

The great news is that most languages describe weather in similar ways, even though the words are completely different.

Basic Weather Words in Different Languages

In **English**, we say "It is sunny" or "It is raining." But in **French**, you say "**Il fait beau**" (literally "It makes beautiful") for sunny weather and "**Il pleut**" (It rains) for rain.

Spanish works similarly. "**Hace sol**" means "It makes sun" or "It's sunny," while "**Llueve**" means "It rains." In **German**, "**Es ist sonnig**" means "It is sunny" and "**Es regnet**" means "It rains."

Think of it like learning a recipe in a different country. The ingredients stay the same (sun, rain, clouds), but the instructions and names are written differently!

Temperature and Seasons

Talking about how hot or cold it is matters too. In **French**, you say "**Il fait chaud**" (It makes hot) and "**Il fait froid**" (It makes cold). Most European languages use the same pattern—they use verbs that mean "to make" rather than "to be."

Seasons also follow this pattern. **Spring** is "**printemps**" in French, "**primavera**" in Spanish, and "**Frühling**" in German. Learning a few season words helps you understand what kind of weather to expect.

Putting It All Together

Once you know basic words, you can build simple sentences. "**Il fait beau aujourd'hui**" means "It is beautiful weather today" in French. "**Hace frío mañana**" means "It will be cold tomorrow" in Spanish.

The key is to **practice speaking** these phrases out loud. Weather is a safe topic that makes great conversation practice, whether you're talking to a teacher, a pen pal, or someone you meet while traveling.

Think of it like learning a new game. At first you learn the rules slowly, but soon you're playing without thinking!