

How to make a comment about the weather

British people, when they meet, nearly always make some comment about the weather. Here are some phrases you can use when talking about:

Good weather:

Nice Nice and warm Nice and sunny! Nice and hot Very nice Quite mild Hot Beautiful	(today)	isn't it?
Lovely day, Marvellous weather,		

Bad weather:

A bit Rather I Very	cold wet cloudy overcast windy	(today)	...isn't it?
Shocking day . . . Terrible weather . . .			
Not very...	...nice, ...promising,	is it?	
Looks like rain, doesn't it?			

How to reply to a comment about the weather

People talk about the weather in order to be sociable. So if a person makes a comment about the weather, you should usually agree with him/her.

Good weather:

Yes,	beautiful. very nice. wonderful. very pleasant. lovely. marvellous.	And they say it's going to stay warm for the next couple of days We could do with some nice weather for a change. It's about time we had some sun. Let's hope it keeps like this. Makes a change from all the rain we've had lately.
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Bad weather:

Yes	horrible. dreadful, terrible. awful shocking	And they say it's going to stay like this until the weekend. Good for the garden, though. . I'll be glad when the summer comes. It's about time we had some sun.
No, terrible		No sign of it changing, either.
Yes, it does.		

PRACTICE

Take turns to greet someone and to make a comment about the weather. The other person returns the greeting and also replies to the comment about the weather.

1. Tom meets Bob in the park. It is 30°C.
2. Pam meets Susan at the bus stop. It is raining.
3. Mr Brown meets Charlotte outside the post office. They are both wearing thick coats, gloves and scarves.
4. Tom meets Mr Smith in the street. Tom is wearing a T-shirt and dark glasses.
5. Mr Collins meets Miss Allbright on the way to the office. There are heavy black clouds in the sky.
6. Julie meets Roger at the pub at lunchtime. It is very windy.