

## CLIMATE

Last decade seems to have brought a lot of natural disasters all over the world – do you remember any of them? Are any of them possible treats in this country?

Does the climate influence people's lives? Think of the way of clothing, types of dwelling, etc.

Is the world's climate changing? If so, in what way and why?

Although British winters are not as cold as Czech ones, they feel colder – why?

The rest of the world has a climate; Britain has weather. Discuss.

Why do you think Ireland is called “the Emerald Isle”?

Does weather affect your mood? What kind of weather depresses you?

Has bad weather ever spoiled your holiday?

Try to give the weather forecast for tomorrow. You may first need to read several weather reports in English on the Internet or listen to them on the radio / TV. Can you give examples of “weathermen's jargon”?

An accurate scale – the Beaufort Scale – gives internationally accepted numbers and definitions to wind strengths, from 0 (dead calm) to gale (8), to hurricane (12). Who would be interested in such precision, and why?

“He's a fair-weather sailor” is more than a technical description – what kind of person is he?

What can clouds tell you about the weather to come?