

LESSON PLAN

Date: 5 October 2012

Class: III TOT (tourist services clerk)

Textbook: English for International Tourism.

Level: pre-intermediate

Time: 45 mins

Subject: The weather forecast - describing the weather.

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Aims of the lesson:

- students can say the weather forecast for tomorrow to inform a customer asking about the weather for their stay in a resort,
- students know the grammar and vocabulary to communicate on weather,
- students understand the weather forecast,

Methods: audiolingual, communicative,

Goals will be achieved using: interactive whiteboard, online resources, textbook in pdf, CD with a recording

PROCEDURE:

1. Warm-up: consolidation from the previous lesson: seasons, climate vocabulary with quizlet.com (5 mins)
<http://quizlet.com/14613768/weather-words-flash-cards/>
2. Subject and vocabulary introduction: hurricane, thunder, lightning, flood, frost, shower, humidity with www.quizlet.com for meaning and with www.ling.pl for pronunciation.(5 mins)
<http://quizlet.com/14614962/weather-forecast-flash-cards/>
3. Ss match symbols to the weather words (ex.3, p.98). (2 mins)
4. Ss match definitions to the words related to weather (ex.4,p.98) plus pronunciation practice. (2 mins)

vocabulary

The weather forecast

3 Match the weather symbols with the words.

heavy rain | showers | sunshine | strong winds
snow | cloudy / overcast

4 Match the words with their definitions. Use a dictionary to help you.

1 hurricane	a) sudden bright light in the sky during a storm
2 thunder	b) very strong, violent wind
3 lightning	c) sudden loud noise in the sky during a storm
4 flood	d) amount of water in the air
5 frost	e) rain that lasts for a short time
6 shower	f) large amount of water covering land
7 humidity	g) result of the temperature falling below 0°C

5. T presents expressions for describing the weather condition plus geographical features which will be mentioned in the recording. (ex.5, p.99) (3 mins)

Professional practice Describing the weather

The following phrases are useful when describing weather conditions.

It gets very humid in summer here.

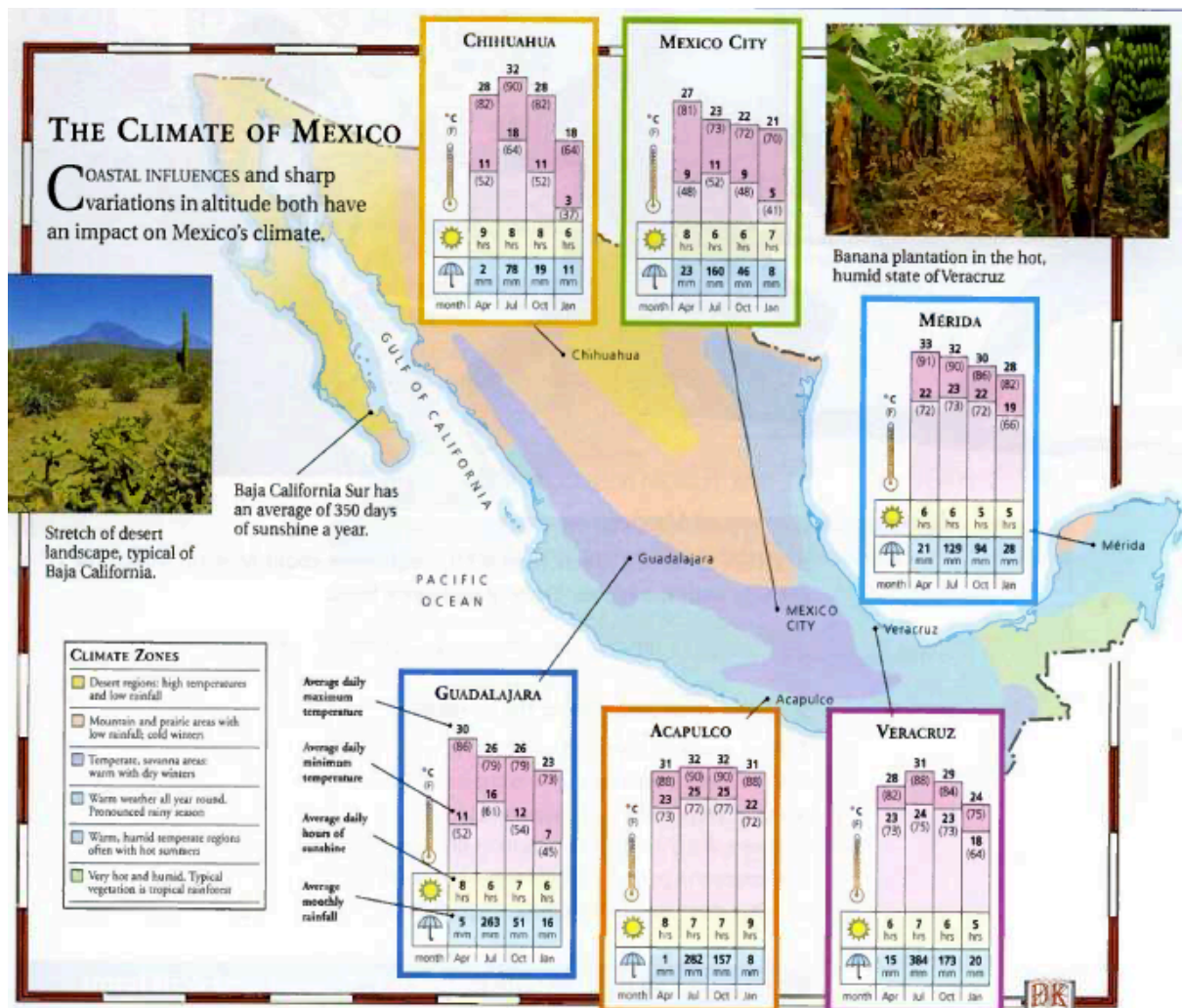
It rains a lot here in springtime.

It's hot for the time of year.

The weather forecast said there may be a storm later today.

It's best to take a coat because it gets cold at night.

6. Ss listen to today's weather forecast for Mexico and mark the weather on the map in their books and T checks the answers asking Ss. (7 mins)



7. Ss listen to the recording once again with the script on the board. Key expressions are underlined – students make notes. (8 mins)

Unit 15, Exercise 6 (CD Track 42)

This is the weather forecast for Mexico today, Tuesday September 20th. There have been heavy storms in Mexico City this week and these are expected to continue today. Temperatures will be up to 73 degrees during the day, falling to around 56 at night. Moving to the north of the country, it will be overcast in Chihuahua but temperatures are high, rising to 90 degrees during the day. In the centre of the country temperatures are not expected to be as high. In Guadalajara it will get up to 79 degrees and there will be lots of heavy rain. The level of humidity will be around 97 per cent. On the south coast it will also be extremely hot, humid and wet. There will be heavy rain in Acapulco and the average daytime temperature will be around 90 degrees, with humidity reaching 94 percent. Moving on to Mérida in the Yucatán Peninsula, expect lots of sunshine and high temperatures. The daytime high will be around 91 degrees

with a humidity level of 85 percent. The sunshine will continue for a few days but satellite pictures show rain and strong winds are due to reach the region later in the week. And that's all from the weather desk.

8. Ss read the map of Mexico and answer teacher's questions.
- What will the weather be like ... (tomorrow/in the afternoon)?
 - It's spring, 5th April. What will the weather be like in Mexico tomorrow?
 - It's 29th January. What will the weather be like in Mexico tomorrow?
9. Ss do a task in pairs. They talk to a customer asking about the weather for their stay in a resort in Mexico. (including different places and seasons) Ss present their dialogues. (10 mins)
10. Setting homework. Ss write the weather forecast for the next day using any Polish forecast weather site. They translate it into English. (3 min)

STUDENT'S HANDOUT

What will the weather be like ... (tomorrow/in the afternoon)?

The temperature will be up to ...

It will be ... (overcast)

There will be(heavy rain)

In the south it will be ... (hot)

Moving to the north of the country...

In the centre of the country...

On the south coast ...