

INVESTICE DO ROZVOJE VZDĚLÁVÁNÍ

Lesson 52: Weather Forecast

Conversation Lesson with a Story,
Vocabulary Practice,
Questions and Activities

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The Story

While we were sailing, my friend tuned in to listen to the weather forecast on a local radio station. Over the airwaves, there was a pause and an audible shuffling of papers, followed by a voice saying, 'I'm sorry, I can't find the forecast, but let me look out of the window--Oh! it's a lovely drying day.'

Source: The Internet TESL Journal



- 1) To '_____' means to adjust a radio to receive a certain program.
 - a) broadcast
 - b) sail
 - c) tune in
 - d) shuffle

- 2) 'Airwaves' means ...
 - a) wind
 - b) plane
 - c) radio waves
 - d) light waves

- 3) 'Forecast' is ...
 - a) a kind of radio
 - b) statement of future events
 - c) a person reading the news
 - d) a kind of boat

- 4) To 'shuffle' here means to ...
 - a) walk heavily towards sth
 - b) move around to different positions
 - c) write to somebody
 - d) talk softly to someone

Questions for Discussion

- 1) What is wrong with such a forecast?
- 2) Can you rely on weather forecasts in general?
- 3) What's the weather like today?
- 4) Which is your favourite season and why?
- 5) What was the weather like on your last summer/winter holiday?

Activities

- Now tell your friend(s) the story in your own words.
- Pronounce the following words several times:
 - a) tune in
 - b) weather forecast
 - c) airwaves
 - d) audible
 - e) shuffle

An English Idiom

'make heavy weather of (doing) something'

- How do you understand the idiom?
 What does the idiom mean?
- Is there an idiom in your mother tongue which bears the same meaning?

An English Idiom

'make heavy weather of (doing) something'

 i.e. make something seem more difficult than it really is:

You're making very heavy weather of doing the work. What's the problem?

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Story

Role Play

Imagine the following situation:

A group of students from Great Britain is coming to your school town next week. Your English class has been asked to prepare a programme for them for the weekend. Discuss with your teacher (person B) where to go and/or what to do. You should agree on two options (considering good/bad weather). Person B will start the conversation.



Role Play:

Ideas to Help You

The following ideas may help you:

- Sightseeing tour
- Visit to the museum
- Visiting the town's sport facilities
- Going to a typical Czech restarant
- Exploring the town's parks/suburbs
- Other