

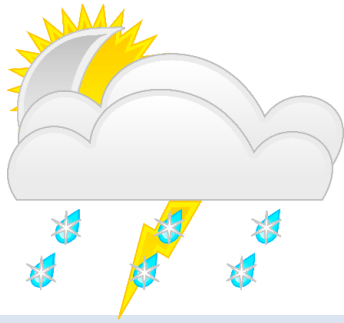
WEATHER MAN



Use the weather to help your child expand language using everyday activities

THINK ABOUT...

Discussions or activities about every-day events, such as the weather, can help your child to build his or her language and vocabulary. Imagine how exciting it is for a young child when it snows or during a strong rain storm. Think about how conversations about the weather might change on a day-to-day basis, especially during times of the year where the weather is likely to change frequently! Can your child describe the weather to you? Maybe even turn it into a fun weather performance!



ACTIVITY

- 1- After watching a short clip of a real weather man, explain to your child that you are going to put on your own show.
- 2- Together, take a look outside. If it is nice, walk around the yard and talk to your child about what they are observing. Ask what the sky looks like, how the air feels, or where the sun is. Is it cloudy? Cool? Hot? Talk about good things you can do in this kind of weather. If you would like, help your child write these observations down or draw little pictures to help your child remember what you talked about.
- 3- Now it's time for action! Have your child stand in your weather station and present the weather. Allow plenty of time to think about what he or she would like to say. You might be amazed at the language your child can produce if you simply wait.
- 4- Give prompts as needed so that your child doesn't become frustrated. For example, if help is needed, you might say "It is very cold outside and I see lots of white stuff! What do you see?"
- 5- Whether your child is producing single words or entire phrases, you can provide whatever level of supports is needed. Keep it fun!

MATERIALS NEEDED:

- Large map to tape on wall
- Pointer stick
- Weather Cut Outs PDF
- Tape

PREPARATION:

- 1- Show your child a short clip of a weather man presenting the weather.
- 2- Have your child help you create a "weather station" by taping a map up on the wall.
- 3- Print and cut out the weather symbols to place on the map

VOCABULARY:

- Sunny
- Cloudy
- Overcast
- Clear Sky
- Rainy
- Snowy
- Warm
- Cool
- Hot
- Windy

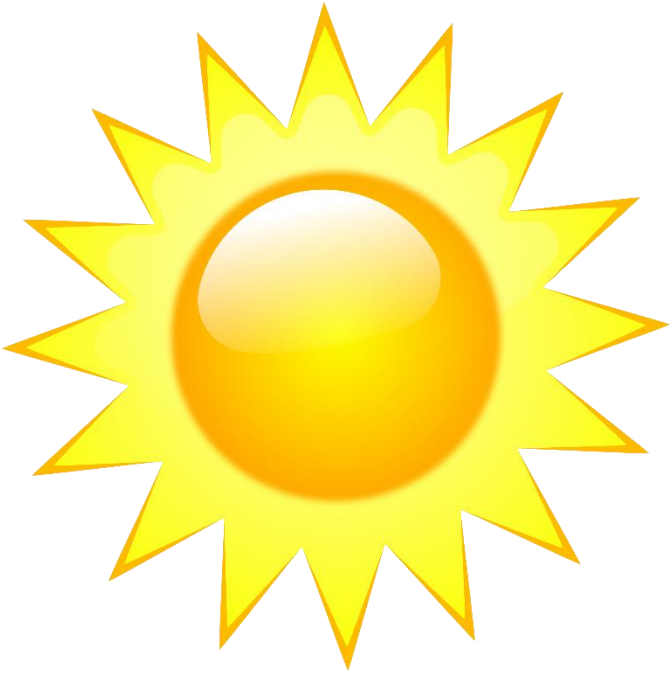
HELPFUL TIPS

- You can record the "show" on your phone to watch with your child after the presentation.
- Use the cut-outs below to tape to a calendar to keep track of the weather in your area. They can also be used as part of the performance.
- To keep the language rolling, have your child pretend the weather has changed and it is now rainy or cloudy.
- When ready, encourage your child to expand their vocabulary or even add conjunctions such as *like*, *and*, or *but*.
- Talk about how the weather impacts people, plants, and animals.

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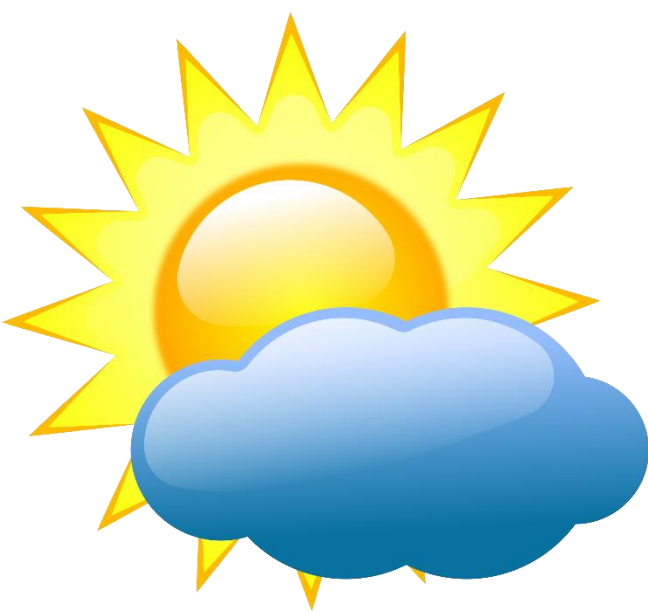
Sunny



Rainy



Cloudy



Snowy

