

# Talking About the Weather Viewing Guide



### Exception Alert!

The noun *clima* is masculine even though it ends in *a*. It is one of those sneaky exceptions to the gender rules → *el clima*. Memorize it!

### VOCABULARY

los calles – streets	llover – to rain
el calor – heat	malo(a) – bad
centígrados – Celsius	mucho(a) – much
el clima – weather	muy – very
estar – to be (temporary)	nevar – to snow
Fahrenheit – Fahrenheit	no sé – I don't know
frío(a) – cold	qué – what, how
los grados – degrees	el sol – sun
granizar – to hail	la temperatura – temperature
el granizo – hail	el tiempo – weather
hacer – to make/to do	la tormenta – storm
hay – there is, there are	el viento – wind
el hielo – ice	

## TWO WAYS TO TALK ABOUT THE WEATHER

### • Using Hacer

Use *hace* followed by a word descriptive of the weather. *Hace* is the third person singular form of the verb *hacer*, which means “to make” or “to do.” Since this form naturally implies “it” or some third-person nonspecific entity, you don’t need to add a noun or pronoun.

*hace frío* – it’s cold  
*hace calor* – it’s hot  
*hace sol* – it’s sunny  
*hace viento* – it’s windy

You also use *hacer* to describe the temperature.

*hace* \_\_\_ grados Fahrenheit/centígrados  
 it’s \_\_\_ degrees Fahrenheit/Celsius

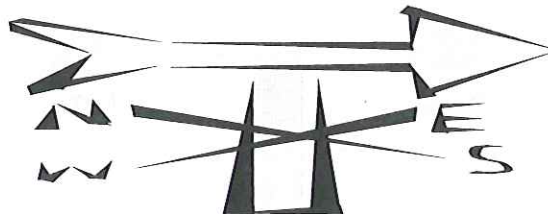
### • Using Estar

A few weather expressions use *está*, the third person singular form of the verb *estar* (to be), followed by the weather condition in its gerund form. Since this *está* naturally implies “it” or some third-person non specific entity, you don’t need to add a noun or pronoun.

*está lloviendo* – it’s raining  
*está granizando* – it’s hailing  
*está nevando* – it’s snowing

### What the heck is a GERUND, anyway?!?

The English equivalent of the gerund is the “-ing” form of a verb. In Spanish, gerunds are easy to spot because they usually end in “-ndo.”



## ASKING ABOUT THE WEATHER

- *¿Qué tiempo hace?* – What’s the weather like?
- *¿Qué temperatura hace?* – What’s the temperature?

### Viewing Questions

1. How would you describe the weather in Spanish if it were 10 degrees Fahrenheit?  
What about if it were 110 degrees Fahrenheit?
2. Why is *estar* used to describe the weather instead of *ser*?
3. *¿Qué tiempo hace?* *¿Qué temperatura hace?*



# Talking About the Weather Worksheet



## A. What's the Weather Doing?

In Spanish, describe the weather condition that best suits the following situations.

Example: A great day to work on your tan. *Hace sol.*

1. It's time to bundle up and wear your winter coat. \_\_\_\_\_
2. Hail the size of golf balls is falling from the sky. \_\_\_\_\_
3. It's kite-flying weather. \_\_\_\_\_
4. You're standing in the shade yet you're still sweating. \_\_\_\_\_
5. The conditions are perfect for snowmen and sledding. \_\_\_\_\_
6. It's good weather for wearing sunglasses. \_\_\_\_\_
7. It's umbrella weather. \_\_\_\_\_
8. It's perfect weather for a trip to the pool! \_\_\_\_\_

## B. Talking to Yourself Can Be Fun!

Write out the following questions and answers in Spanish. Be sure to practice saying each sentence out loud.

1. What is the weather like? *It's cold.*  
\_\_\_\_\_
2. What is the weather like? *It's raining.*  
\_\_\_\_\_
3. What is the temperature? *It's seventy-five degrees Fahrenheit.*  
\_\_\_\_\_
4. What is the weather like? *It's windy.*  
\_\_\_\_\_
5. What is the temperature? *It's thirty degrees Celsius.*  
\_\_\_\_\_
6. What is the weather like? *It's hailing.*  
\_\_\_\_\_
7. What is the weather like? *It's snowing!*  
\_\_\_\_\_
8. What is the temperature? *I don't know.*  
\_\_\_\_\_

# Talking About the Weather Activity

## Live from the SDTV Weather Center...

For this activity, you'll become a reporter for the SDTV Weather Center. In groups of two or three, prepare a national weather report to deliver to your class. Each report should include the weather conditions and the temperature for all of the cities on the list (at right). If your classroom has a map of the U.S., use it as a visual aid for your weather report. If not, draw one on the board. Use the map below for reference.

Tip: First, name the city by saying "En (name of the city)," and then describe the weather. For example, you'd say "En Atlanta, hace calor. Hace ochenta y nueve grados Fahrenheit."

## Weather Conditions Across the Country

<u>City</u>	<u>Conditions</u>	<u>Temp (F°)</u>
Boston, MA	snow	25°
Washington, DC	sunny	65°
San Francisco, CA	windy	60°
New Orleans, LA	hot	89°
Seattle, WA	rain	68°
Chicago, IL	cold	30°
Miami, FL	hot	95°
St. Louis, MO	hail	85°
Dallas, TX	rain	70°

