

SIMPLY STREET ENGLISH 15. THE WEATHER. TRANSCRIPT

Jake: What's the weather like in England?

Knight: Well, the weather in England is a bit funny, we could say. We're used to very warm climates in general, so compared to where we're from, it's usually a little bit too cold we could say.

Canadian Man: In England, it's not that different from where we're from, which is Vancouver, Canada, on the southern part of Canada. Today, it's cloudy, it's a little breezy, quite cool, but a beautiful autumn day.

Girl: The weather in England changes every day. You have no idea what the weather in England could be. Today it's grey and cold and not raining, but yeah, it changes every day.

Jake: What's the weather like in England?

Birmingham Man: It's very unpredictable. There's a lot of rain, it can be dark sometimes.

Birmingham Woman: Not much sunshine.

Birmingham Man: Make sure you wear a coat.

Jake: Definitely! Well, I think it's the first time I've worn a coat all year, but it's that time of year again, isn't it?

Old Man: The weather is very changeable in England. It's quite often cloudy, quite often rainy. At the moment, it's overcast, which means there are clouds covering the sun. Otherwise, it's good because you can spend a lot of time outdoors. It makes it interesting. It's a good subject of conversation. You can always talk to people about the weather.

Jake: Exactly.

Old Man: Because there'll always be something to say about it.

Jake: So, do you like the weather here in England?

Knight: Well, you know, I come from the Nordic land, as you can tell from my helmet and so yeah, it actually fits me, you could say.

Canadian Woman: Because it feels so much like home. I do like it, and I like to have four seasons. I've lived in places where there aren't four seasons, so I love the seasons.

Old Man: I think it's good weather. It gives variety, it's good for the plants, and it's kind of exciting in a way with thunderstorms and rain, sometimes torrential rain, sometimes brilliant sunshine. We had the warmest weather ever recorded in the UK in Cambridgeshire this year, which was a fascinating and slightly alarming statistic.

Girl: I think, being English, I talk about the weather a lot. Do I like it? Hmm, that's a difficult question. Maybe.

Jake: So, do you guys like the weather here in England?

Birmingham Man: Not really, no.

Birmingham Woman: I'm from Birmingham.

Jake: Oh, are you? I'm from Wolves.

Birmingham Woman: It rains all the time. Every day... Most days.

Birmingham Man: We just tolerate the weather here.

Birmingham Woman: Exactly.

Jake: And yourself?

Canadian Man: Yeah, I love the weather. I mean, there's a bit of rain, and it can be quite damp, but it's fine. The weather is fine.

Jake: Do you think that the weather affects your mood?

Girl: I think, yeah, lots of people are smiley out on a sunny day. It's nice when it's sunny, but maybe long, cold winters do affect your mood a bit. You get a bit cold and sad.

Jake: Sad as in? Have you heard of S.A.D sad?

Girl: I have heard of SAD. I don't have SAD, but I have friends who have it... Yeah. And it makes the winters quite hard for them.

Canadian Man: Yeah, so I don't suffer from SAD, Seasonal Affective Disorder, and that's where the clouds and the rain and whatnot can make people feel kind of low. But I feel more focused and happy to be inside working, so it's fine on a cloudy day, wet day. But I do find that when it's a spectacular day, you just want to be outside. It perks up your energy somehow.

Jake: It's harder to get work done, though.

Canadian Man: Oh yes, absolutely.

Jake: Well, that's perfect folks, thank you very much.

Canadian Man: Thank you very much.

Canadian Woman: I actually like dark, cool days. I find them far more productive. That's the opposite of what many people find. But yeah, I don't feel the same way regardless of the weather, the weather affects how I feel.

Jake: Do you think the weather affects your mood?

Birmingham Man: It does, yeah. When it's sunny, you're happy all the time. When it's raining, you're like, you just don't wanna do anything.

Jake: Makes sense.

Birmingham Man: Yeah.

Jake: Is it the same for yourself?

Birmingham Woman: Yeah, I think so. When I'm in my house and I look outside and it's grey and dark, I'm like 'I could just stay inside and watch some TV shows!'

Jake: You wouldn't do any work, just TV shows?

Birmingham Woman: TV shows and relax.

Jake: Do you think the weather affects your mood at all?

Knight: Well, yeah, it surely does. It surely does affect my mood. It drives me nuts, we could say.

Jake: Ok, and special question for yourself. Do you prefer the day or the Knight better?

Knight: Well, I'm used to living at night, so, yeah, definitely the night.

Jake: Very nice. Thank you very much for your help. Cheers.

Jake: Do you think the weather affects your mood at all?

Old Man: Yes, it does and I started to feel quiet apprehensive when... when the pressure's changing, when... when rain's coming or... the weather's deteriorating and I... Everyone enjoys themselves and smiles when the weather's sunny, when it begins to be sunny, but after it's been hot for a while, people get quite short-tempered and irritable, so it's quite a change-around.

VOCABULARY

apprehensive (adjective) - feeling worried or nervous about something that might happen

aware (adjective) - knowing or noticing something around you

breezy (adjective) - a little bit windy, but in a nice way

changeable (adjective) - something that can change or be different often

deteriorating (verb) - getting worse over time

drives me nuts (idiom) - makes me feel very annoyed or crazy

grin and bear it (idiom) - to smile and deal with something hard or unpleasant without complaining

helmet (noun) - a hard hat that protects your head

irritable (adjective) - getting annoyed or upset easily

Nordic (adjective) - something related to northern European countries like Sweden or Norway

overcast (adjective) - when the sky is covered with clouds, and it looks grey

perk (noun) - a special bonus or treat you get from something

regardless (adverb) - doing something even though something else might make it hard or seem like a bad idea

tolerate (verb) - to put up with something even if you don't like it

unpredictable (adjective) - hard to guess what will happen next

variety (noun) - a mix of different kinds of things