

Climate and Resources of the Eastern Hemisphere

Focus on Speaking

Presenting and Viewing a Weather Report

Your first goal is to present a weather report for a specific place and season. You need to write a script for your report, thinking about how it will work when your classmates view your report. Follow the steps below to write your script. Then present your weather report to your class. Your second goal is to watch and listen as your classmates present their weather reports. Be ready to give them helpful feedback after their presentation.

PREWRITING

Select a location and a season (winter, spring, summer, or fall) for your weather report. Choose a city or town anywhere in the Eastern Hemisphere.

- 1. Writing about Weather and Climate** On a separate sheet of paper, write down information about weather and climate from Section 1. Circle the items that you want to use in your weather report.
- 2. Discussing Climates of the Eastern Hemisphere** Add information to your paper about the climate of the place during the season you selected from Section 2.
- 3. Noting Details about Natural Resources** Identify the natural resources of the place you chose, using information from Section 3. On your paper, explain how the season's weather might affect these natural resources, or people's use of them.

WRITING

- 4. Writing Your Weather Report Script** Use the information from your prewriting to write your script.
 - Write an introduction for your weather report. Explain where the place you chose is located and what season you are reporting on.
 - In your body paragraphs, describe the general climate, current weather for the season you chose, and how the weather might be affecting the place's environment and natural resources. Then "predict" what the weather will be like "there" in the next few days.
 - Write a conclusion. It should remind listeners of what is unique about the weather of the place and season you selected.

EVALUATING AND PROOFREADING

5. Evaluating Your Script Practice reading your script out loud. Does it flow together smoothly? Can you read it in a professional voice?

Rubric

- Does your report discuss the current weather, the weather’s effect on environments and natural resources, and give a prediction about future weather?
- Does your conclusion tell your viewers what is unique about the weather in the place and season that you chose?
- Have you practiced using a friendly tone of voice and speaking slowly and clearly?

6. Proofreading Your Script Before you present your report, check punctuation, grammar, capitalization, and spelling.

PRESENTING YOUR WEATHER REPORT

7. Present Your Report Speak clearly and use a friendly tone of voice. Make eye contact with your classmates.

GIVING FEEDBACK TO YOUR CLASSMATES

8. Give Helpful Feedback Focus your feedback on what you learned from your classmates’ report. Make friendly and helpful suggestions for improvement.

Checklist	Notes
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presents a weather report for an area with <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • current weather • weather’s effect on environments and natural resources • a prediction about future weather • a conclusion about the unique weather of the place and season 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Makes eye contact with audience 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Uses props effectively 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Speaks loudly enough 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expresses complete thoughts 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Doesn’t speak too quickly 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Uses a friendly tone of voice 	