



“BEYOND THE CLASSROOM” ENGLISH SELF-STUDY GUIDE

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7th

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A1

ORIENTACIONES PARA LOS PADRES DE FAMILIA

El desarrollo de esta guía de aprendizaje de inglés para el trabajo en casa se preparó con el fin de ayudar a su hij@ a repasar vocabulario sobre las estaciones y temporadas climáticas y para aprender a aplicar, en forma escrita, el uso de las comparaciones. Su hij@ deberá dedicar una hora para desarrollar toda la guía. El trabajo aquí descrito se relaciona con la página 136 del libro del estudiante Way to Go 7, que está disponible en la plataforma Colombia Aprende y disponible para consulta en la sección TEXTBOOK LINKS . Las actividades que debe desarrollar el estudiante son:

1. Tres ejercicios de práctica del vocabulario en inglés sobre estaciones y temporadas climáticas.
2. Análisis del vocabulario que se utilizará para realizar las comparaciones en inglés. Para esto, su hij@ debe referirse al ejercicio 1 de la página 136 del libro del estudiante y contestar dicha actividad. Este ejercicio consiste en escribir, de forma sencilla, comparaciones en inglés
3. Por último, se invita a que su hij@ auto evalúe lo aprendido.

Además, para orientar el desarrollo de las actividades se ofrecen ejemplos de las actividades y las respuestas correctas.

Agradecemos su colaboración supervisando que su hij@ complete las actividades indicadas. Al final, ustedes encontrarán una serie de preguntas de verificación de lo que su hijo(a) aprendió mediante el desarrollo de esta guía.

WELCOME TO THIS SELF-STUDY GUIDE

This English self-study guide helps you practise and write comparisons. All the activities are related to the topic of weather and seasons presented in Way to Go Student Book 7 Module 4 Unit 1 Lesson 3. It starts with some vocabulary, revision activities. Then, you have to answer some questions about the language used to write comparisons and end up with a practical exercise, writing comparative sentences

Topic	Skill(s)	Grammar	Vocabulary	Function(s)
How’s the weather in your city?	Reading comparisons	Comparatives	Weather and seasons	Making comparisons



GET READY

Study time needed: 1 hour	Resources: English dictionary, notebook, pencil, mobile phone video camera, sheets of paper, PDF file of Way to Go Student Book 7.	Textbooks Links: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Way to Go Student Book 7, page 136 Exercise 1 https://drive.google.com/file/d/1C_Ez_knz9NiFWocewZJ0_blrpp8O-uoF/view- Way to Go Workbook 7, page 47 Exercise 2 https://drive.google.com/file/d/1KaMYuLjOPq65vAo6J5kNN7Uxv1d1Brhs/view
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LEARNING OBJECTIVES

LEARNING STRATEGIES

What will you learn/practice/reinforce with these activities?

- To produce, in an oral and written ways, a short descriptive text about the characteristics of places
- To exchange information about characteristics of places based on questions and answers.

What can you do to achieve the objectives?

- Read the instructions for each task.
- Look at the examples given.
- Use a free dictionary app to listen to the pronunciation of new vocabulary.
- Use the dictionary only if absolutely necessary. Use your prior knowledge and try to infer the meaning. You should not translate word by word.
- Write on your notebook any “new” learning points discovered.



ACTIVITIES

1. VOCABULARY TASKS (20 minutes)

a. How is the weather? Match the words with the pictures, follow the example given.

autumn (fall)	<input type="checkbox"/>
cloudy	<input type="checkbox"/>
foggy	<input type="checkbox"/>
freezing	<input type="checkbox"/>
hot	<input type="checkbox"/>
rainy	<input type="checkbox"/>
snowy	<input type="checkbox"/>
spring	<input type="checkbox"/>
stormy	<input type="checkbox"/>
summer	<input type="checkbox"/>
sunny	1
windy	<input type="checkbox"/>
winter	<input type="checkbox"/>

<https://en.islcollective.com/english-esl-worksheets/vocabulary/weather/vocabulary-matching-worksheet-weather/4000>

b. Before you read the story, answer these questions.

Look at the picture below, where do you think it is?

What is the weather like?

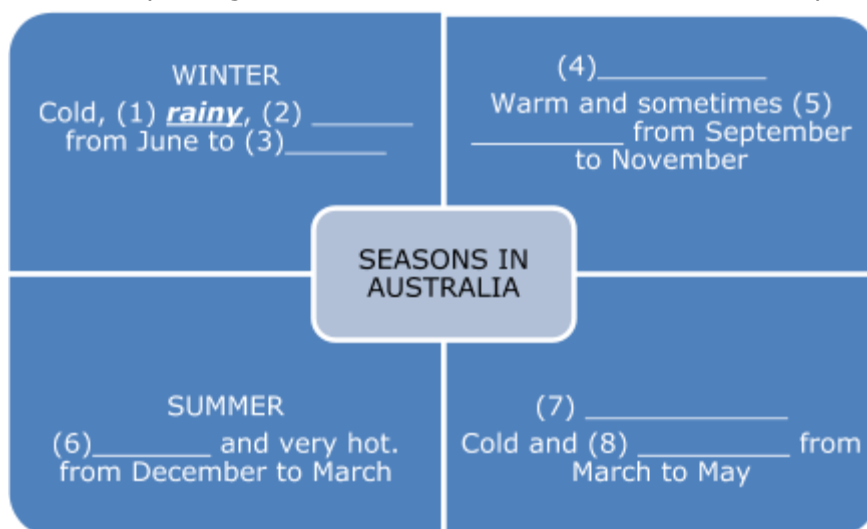
What season will it be in?



<https://dingoos.com/elegir-ciudad-para-estudiar-y-trabajar-en-australia/>

Last year, I went to Australia (24,99 million inhabitants and 7692 km²) and I discovered an amazing thing about the seasons. We all know that there are four seasons: winter, spring, summer and autumn. But here's the thing: Australia is in the Southern Hemisphere, so its four seasons are the opposite to the USA, which is in the Northern Hemisphere! The summer months in Australia are from December to March, so the weather at Christmas is usually sunny and very hot. And the winter months are from June to August, when it's usually cold, rainy and cloudy. From March to May, which is autumn in Australia, the weather is normally cold and windy. And in spring, which is from September to November, the weather is warm, but it can be rainy sometimes!

- c. After reading the text you could say that the country mentioned is: _____
- d. Complete the mind map using the information of the text. See the example.





2. LANGUAGE FOR COMPARISONS (15 minutes)

COMPARATIVE ADJECTIVE	RULE	EXAMPLE
One syllable	Add er + than	Softer than
One syllable a vowel in middle of two consonants	Doble the last consonant and add er+ than	Bigger than
Two syllables ending in -y	Change y to i and add er+ than	Happier than
Two or more syllables that doesn't end with -y	Use the word more before the adjective+ than	More intelligent than

a. Complete the chart with the correct comparative form, follow the example given.

ADJECTIVE	COMPARATIVE FORM
EXAMPLE Cloudy	1. EXAMPLE Cloudier
Foggy	2.
Sunny	3.
Hot	4.
Windy	5.
Stormy	6.
Rainy	7.
Small	8.
Large	9.

b. Complete the phrases using the comparative form, see the example.

Example:

- In Christmas, Argentina's weather is sunnier than United States

Now, it is your turn!

- In winter, the North Pole snowed at -30°C and, in Colombia, snowed in some specific parts; so the North Pole is _____ Colombia.
- In summer the temperature in the Desert of Sahara is 59°C and in the Desert of Atacama is 45°C; so the Desert of Sahara is _____ the Desert of Atacama.
- The weather in Cartagena is _____ Tunja.
- In Cheraapunjee-India it rains a lot, meanwhile in Arica-Chile it doesn't rain a lot, so Cheraapunjee is _____ Arica.



3. COMPARE! (15 minutes)

- a. Complete the chart and write comparative sentences using the information about Australia, which is in this guide and the countries mentioned in Way to Go Student Book 7, page 136 Exercise 1. Follow the example.

COUNTRY	AREA	WEATHER/SEASONS
Australia	7692 km ²	
United States	9.8 million km ²	
United Kingdom		




Example

- 1. United States is larger than Australia

Now, it is your turn!

- 2. _____
- 3. _____
- 4. _____

3. EVALUATE YOUR WORK (10 minutes) Check your progress! Discuss with your parents, then answer the questions below

Check your progress!				Discuss with your parents, then answer the questions below
	Very good	Quite good	With difficulties	
I am able to identify the seasons and some words related to the weather				How many new words did you learn? _____
I can create/write comparative sentences in English				Can you make/write a comparison? _____



THIS IS THE END

Congratulations, you can do amazing things. Continue practicing the vocabulary about weather and seasons and how to make/write comparisons in English. You can check the useful resources as well.

USEFUL RESOURCES

Vocabulary about of weather and seasons presented in Way to Go Student Book 7 Module 4 Unit 1 Lesson 2

<https://learnenglishkids.britishcouncil.org/grammar-practice/comparatives-and-superlatives>

<https://learnenglishteens.britishcouncil.org/grammar/beginner-grammar/comparative-superlative-adjectives>

<https://learnenglish.britishcouncil.org/english-grammar-reference/comparative-and-superlative-adjectives>

<https://www.gamestolearnenglish.com/comparatives/>

ANSWER KEY

6. a) 11, 4, 9, 3, 8, 7, 5, 13, 6, 10, 1, 2, 12

b) Answers vary

c) Australia

2. a) 2. Foggier 3. Sunnier 4. Hotter 5. Windier 6. Stormier 7. Rainier 8. Smaller 9. Larger

b) 2. Snowier than 3. Hotter than 4. Sunnier than 5. Rainier than

ORIENTACIONES FINALES PARA LOS PADRES DE FAMILIA

Una vez su hijo o hija haya terminado las actividades de esta guía, por favor hágale las siguientes preguntas que le permiten verificar el proceso de aprendizaje - ¿Cuál fue la actividad que más te gustó y cuál fue la actividad que te pareció más difícil? - Enséñame cómo se dicen en inglés algunas palabras del vocabulario relacionado. - Enséñame cómo se hacen comparaciones en inglés. - ¿Cuánto tiempo te tomó desarrollar toda la guía? - ¿Qué recursos utilizaste?

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