

Activity Type

Reading, Vocabulary, Grammar and Speaking
Activity: asking and answering questions, gap-fill, presenting (pair work)

Focus

Weather reports

Be going to

Aim

To practice weather vocabulary and the future form *be going to* to talk about weather forecasts and then to make and present a weather report.

Preparation

Make one copy of the two-page worksheet for each student.

Level

Intermediate (B1)

Time

40 minutes

Introduction

In this engaging weather report activity, students practice weather vocabulary and the future form *be going to* to talk about weather forecasts.

Procedure

Give each student a copy of the two-page worksheet.

Write the following on the board:

What's the weather going to be like in this weekend?

Choose a city from the weather map on the worksheet and write it in the gap. Review the use of *be going to* and weather verbs, nouns, and adjectives used in the three structures on the worksheet. Then have the students answer the question using the three *be going to* structures.

Examples:

It's going to be rainy.

It's going to rain.

There's going to be rain.

Repeat this process with other cities on the map.

Next, students look at a weather forecast picture and read an example weather report to review the three *be going to* structures used to talk about the weather.

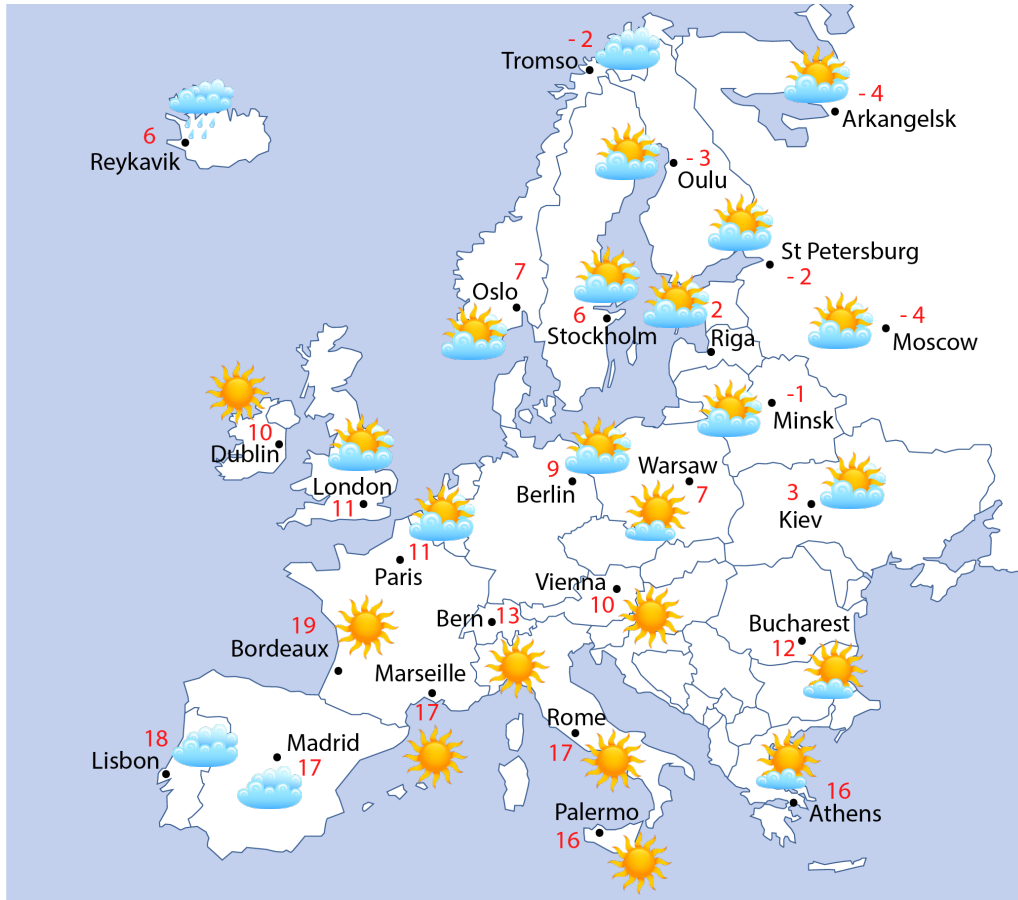
In pairs, the students then look at a second weather forecast picture and practice asking and answering questions about what the weather is going to be like in the various cities on the map.

After that, students look at the weather map and fill in gaps in a text to create a weather report for Europe.

When the students have finished, they read their weather report to their partner and check for any mistakes.

Finally, students present their weather reports to the class.

If possible, show the map on the board to make the weather reports more authentic.



A. Read the weather report.

Good evening. This is Michael Fish with the weather forecast. It's almost the weekend, and a lot of people are going away. We're going to look at the European weather forecast for Saturday.

Let's start in England. It's going to be partly cloudy in London with a high of 11 degrees Celsius. Paris is also going to see similar weather conditions. The rest of France is going to be warm and sunny with temperatures of 19 degrees Celsius in Bordeaux and 17 in Marseille. There is also going to be sunny weather in Italy. The temperature in Rome is going to be about 17 degrees Celsius.

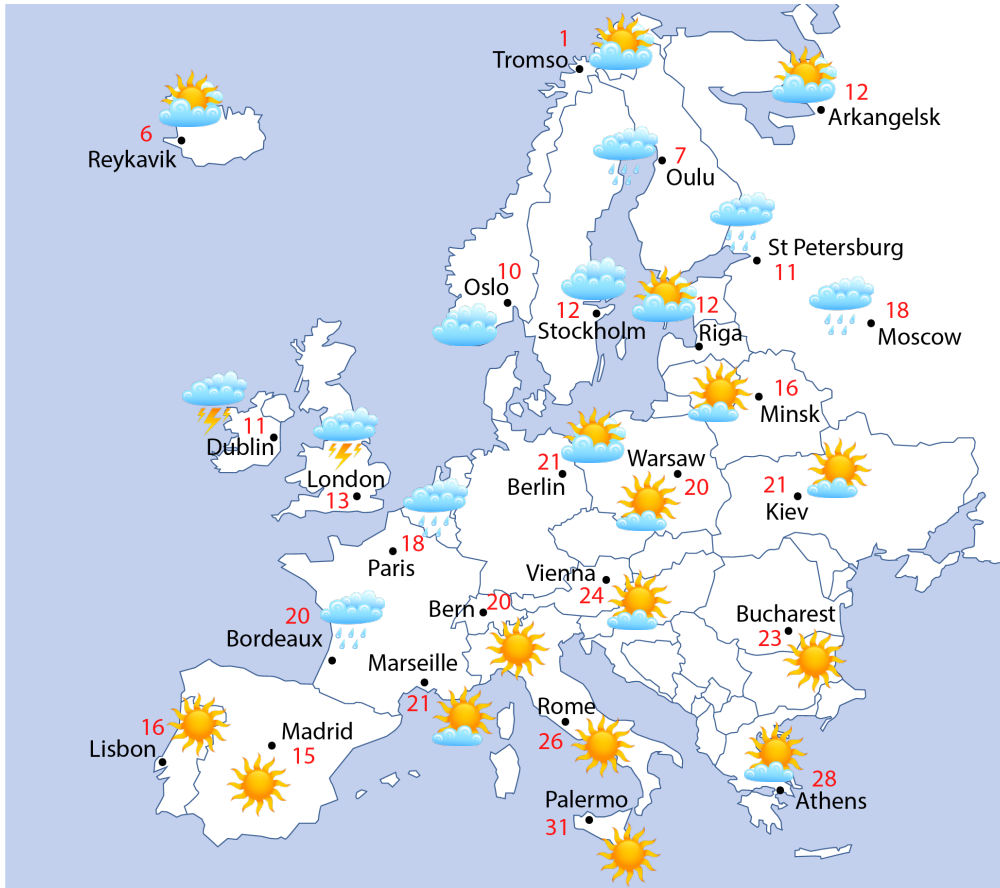
What about the rest of Europe? Well, it isn't going to rain, but it's going to be cold. It's going to be cold and mostly sunny in Warsaw with a temperature of 7 degrees Celsius. Stockholm is also going to be very cold with a high of 6 degrees Celsius.

be going to - future

It	's isn't	going to be	hot/cold. dry/wet. sunny/cloudy. rainy/stormy. warm/cool.
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It	's isn't	going to	rain. snow.
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There's	going to be	rain. snow. thunder/lightning. sunny weather.
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B. Look at the weather forecast above. In pairs, ask and answer questions about what the weather is going to be like in the various cities.

Example: A: What's the weather going to be like in Moscow?
 B: There's going to be rain with a temperature of 18 degrees Celsius.

C. Working alone, look at the weather forecast above and fill in the gaps to create a weather report for Europe.

Good evening. This is with the European weather forecast for

Let's start in It's going to be in with a high of degrees Celsius. is also going to see similar weather conditions. is going to be and with temperatures of degrees Celsius in and in There is also going to be weather in The temperature in is going to be about degrees Celsius.

What about the rest of Europe? Well, it isn't going to, but it's going to be It's going to be and in with a temperature of degrees Celsius. is also going to be with a high of degrees Celsius.

D. Now, read your weather report to your partner and together check for any mistakes.