

Listening · Day 5 — Travel, Weather & Seasons

Part 1 ~30 min · Flexible · class time or home practice

The final Part 1 set of Week 1, rounding out the personal topics. Because today's session is the full Listening practice test, treat this mostly as home practice — but it's a strong cooldown if a group finishes the test early.

Say: *Last Part 1 set of the Listening week — travel, weather and seasons. Run it at home tonight with a partner if we don't get to it; you've now covered the most common Part 1 topics in five days.*

How to run it

Put students in pairs (A and B); online students drop into breakout pairs. A plays the examiner and asks the questions below; B answers. Push B for two to three sentences per answer — never a bare one-word reply. Swap roles after about six minutes, then re-pair with a fresh partner and run the set a second time, faster and more fluently. Part 1 has no preparation time in the real test, so don't let students plan — ask the question and they answer on the spot. That on-your-feet fluency is exactly the skill this builds.

Questions — Travel, Weather & Seasons

1. Do you like travelling? Why or why not?
2. How do you usually get around your town or city?
3. What's the weather like today where you are?
4. What's your favourite season, and why?
5. Is there a country you'd really like to visit?
6. Do you prefer public transport or driving? Why?
7. How does the weather affect what you do day to day?

More questions — build a bank

Travel

8. What kinds of places do you like to visit on holiday?
9. Do you prefer travelling alone or with others? Why?
10. What was the last trip you took?
11. Is there a place in your own country you'd recommend?

Weather & seasons

12. What kind of weather do you like best?
13. Does the weather ever change your mood?
14. Are the seasons very different where you live?
15. Is the climate in your country changing, in your view?

More

16. Do you prefer hot weather or cold weather? Why?
17. How do people in your country spend rainy days?
18. Would you like to live somewhere with a different climate?

19. Is there a season you find difficult? Why?
 20. Do you plan trips carefully or travel spontaneously?

Example answers — short reply grown into a full one

Do you like travelling?

I love it — I think you learn more in a week of travelling than in a month of reading about a place. What I enjoy most is the small everyday differences: how people eat, how they greet each other, that sort of thing.

What's your favourite season?

Autumn, without a doubt. The heat has gone but it's not yet cold, the light turns golden in the afternoons, and it's perfect weather for being outdoors — not too much of anything.

How does the weather affect what you do?

Quite a lot, actually. When it's bright I'll happily walk everywhere, but during the monsoon I end up indoors far more, so I tend to save indoor jobs and reading for the wet months.

Pair-work sequence (~30 min)

- ▶ **Interview · 13 min** — A asks every question, B answers (~6 min); swap so B asks and A answers (~6 min). The examiner-partner keeps the pace brisk, like the real test, and resists chatting back. No planning — straight in.
- ▶ **Extend & re-run · 13 min** — New partner. Run the set again — but now every answer must carry a reason (“because...”) and one example or detail. Faster, more natural delivery.
- ▶ **Feedback · 4 min** — Whole-class: read out two answers you overheard that grew from one word into a full, natural reply.

Listen for / feedback: Mark any answer that stops at one word — push that student for a reason and a detail. Praise natural extenders: “Well, actually...”, “I’d say...”, “It depends, but...”. Note tense slips (“I go yesterday”) for a quick thirty-second correction at the end.

Flexibility: Heads-up: today’s 90 minutes are taken by the full practice test, so treat this set as home practice by default. Only run it in the room as a 10-minute warm-up if a group finishes the test early — otherwise send it home and review answers tomorrow.