

5.37 My country's climate

Topic: Weather

Subtopic: Water

Activity type/skill: Planning and giving a talk

Literacy focus: Speaking

Genre: Personal recount

Objective

- Focus on speaking accuracy.
- Talk about familiar concepts.
- Gain classroom skills.

What you need

- Student worksheet (see next page)

What to do

1. Explain that students have to plan and deliver a short talk about the climate in their country.
2. Look at Activity 5.11 and listen to track 5.11 (Track 4 for this topic).
3. Talk about the things that must be covered when describing climate:
 - A general statement
 - Temperature
 - Precipitation (rain, snow, frost, mist)
 - Wind
 - Sunshine.
4. Have students plan a short description of their country's climate on rough paper using the headings above. Help them refer to the internet for information (for example, www.worldclimate.com).
5. Help them edit their work and write a good copy on the student worksheet.
6. Give them an opportunity to practise their talk in pairs, helping each other with pronunciation and grammar.
7. Have them give their talks to a larger group. Give positive feedback on accuracy of information, grammar, pronunciation, fluency and clarity.

