Workshop 10: A World for All Seasons!

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Level: Elementary

In this workshop you will learn to talk about the weather and the seasons, describe what is happening right now with the present continuous, and see the difference between the present simple and the present continuous. You will also learn ordinal numbers and how to say the date, read about fun things to do in Australia and Germany, and write a real post on social media.

Your plan for today

Part 1 — The weather and the seasons (vocabulary and listening)
Part 2 — Present simple or present continuous? (grammar)
Part 3 — Things to do around the world (reading and speaking)
Part 4 — Posting on social media (writing)

Part 1 — Vocabulary & Listening: The Weather and Seasons

a. The weather forecast

Imagine you open the weather app on your phone this morning. You see the forecast (the weather for the next days) for this week. Look at it and answer the questions with a partner.

Day	Weather	Maximum	Minimum
Monday	Cloudy	18°	9°
Tuesday	Rain	17°	9°
Wednesday	Sun & rain	19°	10°
Thursday	Sunny	20°	8°
Friday	Cloudy	18°	9°

1 What is the maximum temperature this week? What is the minimum?
2 What time of year (what season) do you think it is?
3 Do you think this is typical weather for Pasca and Bogotá? Why or why not?

b. Vocabulary: the weather, the seasons, and the date

The weather

Look at the pictures. Complete the sentences with a word from the box. Number 1 is an example.

cloudy • cold • foggy • hot • raining • snowing • sunny • windy

Part 1. Vocabulary
The weather forecast

- Answer =>

1. The maximum temperature is 20°c.
2. The minimum temperature is 8°c.

2. I think it is spring or autumn, because the temperatures are mild, not too hot and not too cold.

3. yes, it is typical weather, Bogotá and Pasca have a cool, temperate climate all year round, with temperatures between raughly 8°C and 20°c, cloudy days.

1 It's **sunny**.		5 It's windy.	
2 It's hot.	35°	6 It's foggy.	
3 It's cloudy.		7 It's cold.	5°
4 It's raining.		8 It's snowing.	

Useful extra words:
warm = not very hot (opposite: *cool*) **wet** = raining (opposite: *dry*)
Nouns and adjectives: the noun is *sun, cloud, wind, fog*; the adjective is *sunny, cloudy, windy, foggy*.

The seasons

Match the seasons with the pictures. Then listen and check (**Audio 5.18**).

spring • summer • autumn • winter

1 A tree with green leaves. → Summer
2 A tree with no leaves and snow. → winter
3 A tree with pink flowers. → spring
4 A tree with orange and red leaves. → autumn

Ordinal numbers and the date

Complete the numbers and the words. Some are done for you.

1st	first /fɜːst/
2nd	second /ˈsekənd/
3rd	third /θɜːd/
4th	fourth /fɔːθ/
5th	fifth /fɪfθ/
6th	sixth
7th	seventh
8th	eighth /eɪtθ/
9th	ninth /naɪnθ/
10th	tenth
11th	eleventh
12th	twelfth /twelfθ/
13th	thirteenth

14th	fourteenth
20th	twentieth
21st	twenty-first
22nd	twenty-second
23rd	twenty-third
24th	twenty-fourth
30th	thirtieth
31st	thirty-first

Writing and saying the date

We write	We say
22nd March	the twenty-second **of** March
12/1	the twelfth **of** January

! In the USA, they write the month first. For example, 12/1 = the first of December.

Prepositions with months and dates

Use **in** + months. Example: My birthday is **in** February.

Use **on** + dates. Example: The meeting is **on** Friday 5th September.

Saying years

1807 = eighteen oh seven 1936 = nineteen thirty-six

2008 = two thousand and eight (for years 2000–2010)

2011 = two thousand and eleven **OR** twenty eleven

c. Listening

Audio 5.19 Listen to a travel guide talking about the weather in London. Mark the sentences **T** (true) or **F** (false). Then listen again and say why.

1 It's often very hot or very cold. T / F

2 The normal temperature in the summer is 22°C. T / F

3 It often snows in the winter. T / F

4 In spring and autumn the weather changes a lot. T / F

5 It's often grey and foggy in the city centre. T / F

○ Part 2 — Grammar: Present Simple or Present Continuous?

a. Read the messages

Sofia lives in Bogotá, Colombia. Her friend Lena lives in Germany. Read their messages. The verbs in blue and red are important for the grammar.

blue = present simple red = present continuous

Sofia (Bogotá)

Hi Lena! How are you? Here in Bogotá it's raining now, like every afternoon! 🌧 We don't have summer or winter here. The weather is almost the same all year.

Lena (Germany)

Hi Sofia! No seasons? Wow! Here in Germany we have four seasons. Right now it's snowing and it is very cold. I'm wearing a big coat and gloves! ❄ In summer it is hot and the days are long.

Sofia (Bogotá)

That is so different! Why don't we have seasons in Colombia?

Lena (Germany)

My teacher says it is because of the sun. Colombia is near the equator, in the middle of the Earth. The sun shines there all year, so the temperature doesn't change much. Germany is far from the equator, so we get cold winters and hot summers.

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Sofia (Bogotá)

Interesting! So right now you are freezing and I'm enjoying a nice 18 degrees. 😄

b. Think about the grammar

Read the messages again and look at the verbs in colour. Answer these questions with your group.

- When do we use the present simple? For permant facts, general truths, and habits.
- When do we use the present continuous? For actions happening now, at the moment of speaking.

PRESENT SIMPLE — things that are always true, or that we do every day
FORM: I / you / we / they **work**. he / she / it **works**.

+ The sun **shines** all year. She **works** in Bogotá.
– We **don't have** seasons. It **doesn't snow** here.
? **Do** you **like** the rain? **Does** he **live** in Germany?

USE: facts and general truths (Colombia is near the equator), habits and routines (I go to work every day), things that are always or usually true.

Time words: *always, usually, often, every day, every year.*

PRESENT CONTINUOUS — things happening now, at this moment

FORM: subject + **am / is / are** + verb + **-ing**

+ **I'm wearing a coat.** **It's snowing.**
– She **isn't working.** They **aren't playing.**
? Are you **listening**? What **are** you **doing**?

USE: actions happening now, at this moment. Look! It is raining.

Time words: *now, right now, at the moment, today, Look!, Listen!*

Easy trick: every day → present simple. right now → present continuous.

c. Practice

Circle the correct form: present simple or present continuous?

1 In Colombia, it **usually rains** / **is raining** in the afternoon.
2 Look out the window! It **rains** / **is raining** right now.
3 Germany **has** / **is having** four seasons.
4 Listen! Lena's children **play** / **are playing** in the snow.
5 The sun **shines** / **is shining** on the equator all year.
6 Be quiet, please. I **study** / **am studying** for my English test.

✓
✗ is raining
✓
✓
✓
✓

Part 3 — Reading & Speaking: Things to Do Around the World

a. Read and find the answers

Read the guide about fun things to do in Australia and Germany at different times of the year. Then read the questions and find the answers. Answer with **AO** (Australian Open), **GBR** (Great Barrier Reef), **CM** (Christmas market), or **NC** (Neuschwanstein Castle).

What to do in Australia and Germany at different times of the year



The Australian Open, Melbourne (AO)

Watch the Australian Open in Melbourne. It is one of the biggest tennis competitions in the world. It happens every year in January. Remember: in Australia, summer is in December, January and February! Famous tennis players from many countries play here. You can watch the matches from many different courts. You can also buy food and cold drinks. January in Melbourne is very hot, so bring a hat and water. Sometimes it is so hot that they close the roof!

Where can you...?

1 GBR learn about ocean animals
2 CM buy hot food to eat outside
3 NC see a fantastic view of the mountains
4 NC see beautiful old furniture
5 AO watch a competition from many different places
6 CM buy something warm to wear
7 AO see famous people playing a sport
8 GBR swim and see colourful fish

b. Word partners

We often use an adjective and a noun together. Match the adjective (1–6) with the correct noun (a–f). Look at the guide to help you. Write the letter.

1 famous	c	a	view
2 warm	d	b	fish
3 colourful	b	c	tennis players
4 old	e	d	drinks
5 fantastic	a	e	furniture
6 hot	f	f	food

Speaking (breakout rooms)

- Which of the four places would you like to visit? Why?
- What are good things to do at different times of the year in Colombia? Tell your partner.

Part 4 — Writing: Posting on Social Media

a. Talk to a partner

- What social media do you use? For example, Facebook, WhatsApp or Instagram?
- Do your family and friends use the same ones as you?

b. Write a real post about your last trip

Now you are going to write a real post for Facebook. It is not about your holidays this time. It is about your **last trip** — a city, a beach, the mountains, or another country. Anywhere you went!

Follow these steps

1 Choose one or two photos from your last trip.

• Speaking

– I would like to visit the Great Barrier Reef (GBR), because I love the sea and I want to swim and see colourful fish and sea turtles.

– In Colombia, the weather is warm all year, you can go hiking, visit coffee farms, go to the beach, or walk in the mountains at any time.

Congratulations.

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Outstanding work, Erika! Almost perfect.

Just one to review in Practice 2c, question 2:

"Look out the window! It IS RAINING right now" (present continuous).

Please read through the whole workshop once more. Congratulations!