



Segment 5 (Units 9–12)

Weather or not

Step 1: Segment Introduction

Suggested time: 5 minutes

1. Introduce the topic to the students. You may want to share some of the background information with them, or draw their attention to how this topic relates to the theme of Student Book 4 Unit 9. (Both the Student Book unit and the video segment are about the weather.)
2. Tell students what the genre is (newscast) and provide a short explanation, if appropriate.
3. (Optional) Preview vocabulary. Pre-teach any important words or expressions that you think will be unfamiliar to students and not understandable from the context.

Step 2: Previewing: Picture Off

Suggested time: 10 minutes

1. Hand out the Video Activity Worksheet.
2. Play the video with the picture off or covered and ask students to answer the four questions on the Video Activity Worksheet. Note: For amusement, you can play this scene on “fast forward.”
3. Have students work in pairs to compare answers.
4. Call on students to answer the questions. Your objective at this point is to encourage participation and curiosity. To that end, tell students you will not say if their guesses are right or wrong. Accept all answers. You may want to write the students’ ideas on the board.

Step 3: Gist Viewing: Picture On

Suggested time: 10 minutes

1. Show the video segment again, with the picture on or uncovered. Have students work in pairs to compare their predictions with what they saw in the video and then share them as a whole class.
2. Have the class come to a consensus about the answers to the four questions.

Step 4: In-Depth Viewing

Suggested time: 5 minutes

1. Play the video again and have students answer the comprehension questions on the Video Activity Worksheet.
2. Go over the answers with the class, or play the captioned version of the segment.

Step 5: Captioned Viewing (Optional)

Suggested time: 5 minutes

1. Play the captioned version of the same segment.
2. Replay any sections that students want to see again or freeze-frame on sections where the students wish to confirm the language.



Step 6: After Viewing (Optional)

Suggested time: 15 minutes

Use one of the following fluency activities:

- Summary: Have students work in pairs to summarize the content of the segment, either orally or in writing. Have pairs present their summaries to the class.
- Survey: Have each student create a personal experience question related to embarrassing or unusual situations (for example, *Have you ever felt embarrassed at what someone else was doing or saying? When was it?*). Have students circulate and ask each other their questions and then report their results to the whole class.

Step 7: Homework (Optional)

Assign one of the following projects for homework:

- Email: Have students write an email to the news station, giving their opinion of the new weatherperson.
- Research: Have students watch a local weather report on TV, from an English broadcast if possible. Have them make a list of all the information that the weather report provides.