

<b>Name of resource:</b>	Weather Connect 4
<b>Age group(s)</b>	<b>Subject(s)</b>
5 to 7	Geography
<b>Topic</b>	<b>Language Level</b>
Weather	Beginner
<b>Description of resource</b>	
This resource is Connect 4 board with simple images relating to weather, and a set of accompanying word cards.	
<b>Preparation needed</b>	
<p><b>For each pair or group of learners playing the game you will need:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ One copy of the game board photocopied onto card and laminated.</li> <li>◆ One copy of the word cards photocopied and cut up into cards. This could also be laminated.</li> <li>◆ In addition, you will need either tokens in two different colours (8 of each) or whiteboard pens in two different colours.</li> </ul> <p><b>You will need to:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ print a copy of the game board and laminate it. Then print a copy of the page with the words on and cut it into cards. This could also be laminated.</li> </ul>	
<b>Curriculum objectives</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ To identify different types of weather</li> </ul>	

<b>Language / literacy objectives</b>	
<b>Functions</b>	<b>Structures</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Describing</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Simple present:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ It is ...</li> <li>○ It is a _____ day</li> <li>○ Today it is _____</li> </ul> </li> <li>◆ Simple past:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Yesterday it was</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Expressing a preference</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ I like _____ weather</li> <li>◆ I don't like _____ weather</li> </ul>

## Vocabulary

- ◆ sunny, hot, cloudy, cold, rainy, windy, stormy, snowy.
- ◆ weather
- ◆ today, yesterday, is, was
- ◆ like, don't like

### This resource could be used:

- ◆ as differentiation within class
- ◆ one to one or small group

### Ideas for using the resource

#### What to do

- ◆ This is a Connect 4 game for two players which is designed to support 5 to 7 year old beginner EAL learners acquire simple weather vocabulary in English. Each player is given a different colour of token or a different colour of whiteboard pen. In turn, each player picks up a card and then marks it on the board. The winner is the player who gets four marks in a straight line (horizontal, vertical or diagonal). This resource could be used to follow up some previous vocabulary work or as an introductory activity to the target vocabulary.
- ◆ Demonstrate to learners how they are aiming to place four tokens or marks in a straight line (vertical, horizontal or diagonal).
- ◆ Model the sentence structure for learners to use. This will encourage them to speak using short sentences rather than simply naming each type of weather.
- ◆ Players take turns to draw a card. When they draw a card they need to correctly identify the type of weather illustrated and state 'It is \_\_\_\_.' They then place a token or a mark on one of the two squares (if not already taken) that contain an image of that type of weather. The winner is the player who gets four in a row.

#### Other ideas for making the best use of this resource

- ◆ Before playing the game you could introduce the new vocabulary by showing learners the game board with the pictures on it and ask them to name the different types of weather
- ◆ You could use the learners' first language ability by asking them to name the different types of weather in their first language
- ◆ Ask the learners what types of weather they like and which they don't like
- ◆ Relate the pictures to the current weather and the weather the previous day



### **Possible extension activities**

- Learners could make a glossary illustrating the different types of weather. This could be done in English and/or their first language
- Learners could play the game again and this time saying any correct sentence about the type of weather illustrated in the card they pick up, e.g. Today it is windy, I like snowy weather etc.
- The cards used in the game could be used to play a pairs game or as flashcards. You could photocopy another copy of the game board and cut it up to make picture cards.

