

Weather reporters

Board/card game

Objectives

- To ask and answer questions about the weather
- To reinforce the names of some principal towns in France

Setting up the game

- Pupils play together in pairs with one weather grid (page 36) each and a set of town and weather cards (page 37) per pair.

Mots clés – Key words

■ il fait du soleil	it is sunny
■ il fait du vent	it is windy
■ il fait mauvais	the weather is bad
■ il fait beau	it is fine
■ il fait chaud	it is hot
■ il fait froid	it is cold
■ il pleut	it is raining
■ il neige	it is snowing
■ quel temps fait-il?	what's the weather like?
■ à	at/in

How to play the game

1. Put the town cards and the weather cards in two piles, face down.
2. Using the weather grids, both players first make a weather prediction for each of their towns and tell them to their partner in French. They record their forecasts in writing or by drawing a picture in the 'weather forecast' column on the grid.
3. One player then picks up a town name card and asks what the weather is like there using 'Quel temps fait-il à ...?' e.g. 'Quel temps fait-il à Nice?' The town card used is put to one side.
4. The other player picks a weather card and answers using the weather pictured, e.g. 'À Nice il pleut'. The cards can be interpreted in a number of possible ways, for example the sun card could be 'Il fait beau / Il fait du soleil / Il fait chaud.' If this is what either player predicted they put a tick in the second column; if they were wrong they put a cross. The weather card used is returned to the bottom of the pile.
5. The players swap roles and continue asking and answering until all the towns' weather conditions have been filled in on the grid.
6. The winner is the player who scored the most ticks at the end of the game.