

Weather Picture Bingo

12-minute suggested lesson | Primary and ESL | 1-4 players

Use everyday weather vocabulary and separate a picture symbol from an observation.

Learning goals

- Match a weather word to its agreed picture symbol.
- Use a phrase such as 'It is cloudy' to describe a picture or today's observed conditions.

Prepare

- Print the pack on A4 landscape, cut out the cards and prepare counters.
- Keep the caller sheet. Plan a brief look through a window or use a teacher-chosen weather photograph.

Card pack: A4 landscape, 100% scale. This teacher guide: A4 portrait. Use age-appropriate counters.

Teach and play

0-3 min / Rehearse the symbols

Show Sunny, Rainy, Snowy, Windy, Cloudy, Stormy, Rainbow and Hot. Agree the intended word for each picture. Model 'It is ...' for condition words.

3-5 min / Demonstrate a call

Give out the cards, mark FREE and show a winning line of three. Say 'Cloudy', show its tile and model a match.

5-9 min / Play a vocabulary round

Shuffle tiles and call one exact label at a time. Use descriptive prompts only after direct words are familiar. Record calls and check any winning lines.

9-12 min / Observe and explain

Look through a window or at a weather photo. Ask which words fit and what children can actually observe. Discuss why a picture of sunshine alone does not tell us the temperature.

Quick learning check

Can a child name one observed condition and explain their evidence? Check that Sunny and Hot are not being treated as the same word.

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Caller prompts and teaching notes | Keep beside the caller sheet

Start with direct labels. Keep called tiles aside. Mark FREE before play; check a row, column or diagonal of three against the call record. All cards share eight items: line wins may tie and full-house games finish together.

Eight labels - matched to the card pack

Sunny	Find Sunny: the symbol shows the sun.
Rainy	Find Rainy: rain is falling.
Snowy	Find Snowy: snow is falling.
Windy	Find Windy: moving air is represented.
Cloudy	Find Cloudy: the symbol shows a cloud.
Stormy	Find Stormy: the symbol includes lightning.
Rainbow	Find Rainbow: a coloured arc is shown.
Hot	Find Hot: the thermometer represents temperature.

Teaching note

The pack mixes weather conditions with Rainbow, a visible phenomenon, and Hot, a temperature description. Sunny does not always mean hot, and several conditions can occur together. Use the exact labels for bingo, then discuss these distinctions afterwards.

Support / extension

Support: Show the tile with the word and model a short phrase. Allow pointing rather than a full sentence.

Extend: Ask pupils to describe two conditions together, such as cloudy and windy. Compare the day's observation with the simplified symbols.