

THE WEATHER

THIS is the most important topic in the land. Do not be misled by memories of your youth when, on the Continent, wanting to describe someone as exceptionally dull, you remarked: "He is the type who would discuss the weather with you." In England this is an ever-interesting, even thrilling topic, and you must be good at discussing the weather.

EXAMPLES FOR CONVERSATION

For Good Weather

"Lovely day, isn't it?"
"Isn't it beautiful?"
"The sun . . ."
"Isn't it gorgeous?"
"Wonderful, isn't it?"
"It's so nice and hot . . ."
"Personally, I think it's so nice when it's hot—isn't it?"
"I adore it—don't you?"

For Bad Weather

"Nasty day, isn't it?"
"Isn't it dreadful?"
"The rain . . . I hate rain . . ."
"I don't like it at all. Do you?"
"Fancy such a day in July. Rain in the morning, then a bit of sunshine, and then rain, rain, rain, all day long."
"I remember exactly the same July day in 1976."
"Yes, I remember too."
"Or was it in 1958?"
"Yes, it was."
"Or in 1979?"
"Yes, that's right."



Good afternoon!