

Geography Alive: Stage 1 Geography (Topic 1; Unit 1)

Lesson 8: How weather affects places		
<p>Content focus:</p> <p>All places are affected by their weather and climate. Natural features such as rivers, vegetation, and landforms are the product of weather as well as other influences. Places dominated by human features are also strongly influenced by their weather: sunshine, rain, winds, floods.</p>		<p>Resources:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Worksheet 1: How weather affects places • Photographs of weather events in different places (from books or websites).
<p>Key inquiry questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What features of weather dominate the place we live in? • Which features of weather are most pleasant and which are most dangerous? 	<p>Outcomes:</p> <p><i>A student:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identifies features of weather • Shows understanding of the different ways in which weather influences places. 	<p>Lesson sequence:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Step 1: The lesson could start with a brainstorm of 'weather words' – rain, wind, sunshine, heat, cold, frost, fog, clouds, thunder, storm, lightning, snow. Students can suggest which of these are experienced in the place they live and which are not so common in their place. • Step 2: Worksheet 1 allows students to list and draw some of the ways in which weather affects places. • Step 3: If there are any extreme weather events occurring at this time (floods, heat waves, tornadoes, storms etc.), the location of these should be investigated using a globe of the world or a map of Australia. • Step 4: Photographs of examples of extreme weather events should be used as a stimulus to further inquiry about the effects of the event on people and place.