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<b>Druh výukového materiálu:</b>	<b>Pracovní list s výkladem, otevřenými i uzavřenými otázkami a cvičeními k tématu Příroda a počasí.</b>
<b>Čas:</b>	<b>30 minut</b>
<b>Využití:</b>	<b>Studenti se naučí vyjadřovat k tématu Příroda a počasí, rozšíří a procvičí si slovní zásobu k danému tématu.</b>

## **Nature and Weather**

### **What is the weather like in the Czech Republic and how many seasons are in the year?**

Our republic is in the mild/temperate zone. Winters are not too cold, summers are not too hot. The year has four seasons: spring, summer, autumn, winter. Each of the seasons lasts about three months.

### **What is the spring weather like?**

The spring is still quite cold. The snow melts, so it can lead to floods, everywhere there is a lot of mud and dirt. During April the weather is unstable. It drizzles, rain or even snow showers often comes. Grass and trees turn green. White snowdrops, yellow primroses and dandelions, blue violets and colorful crocuses occur on the meadows, gardens and forests. The Earth is gradually warming up. We can hear the birds singing which some of them have just returned from the south. The first spring birds include larks, swallows and cuckoos. People celebrate Easter.

### **What is the weather in summer and autumn like?**

Summer begins June 21 and lasts until September 23. This means two months of holidays for children and vacation for adults. The sun burns and shines a lot. On hot summer days, there are often storms. Autumn begins September 23. In autumn, the sun rises later and sets earlier. During the day, the weather is still nice, sunny and quite stable, especially in the mountains. This is known as Indian summer or late summer.

### **How do we call the time in the end of summer?/What is nature in autumn like?**

Autumn is fairly popular with many because of its nice color. Fruit ripens. Grass turns yellow and gets dry. There are no more flowers on meadows. Leaves change color as well; start falling off and trees will soon become bare. Birds leave for the south. It keeps raining or drizzling. Streets are wet; there are puddles and a lot of dirt everywhere. It is very foggy in the morning. The air is cold. Temperature is lower. The wind is often strong. It is cloudy. People often catch a cold or come down with the flu.

### **When does winter start and what is it like?**

Winter comes after autumn. It begins on December 21. Nature relaxes. It freezes, the whole landscape is covered with snow, and there may even be snowdrifts. Ice and slush make transport difficult. The thermometer shows several degrees below zero, and lakes, streams and rivers freeze over. Winter brings us the most beautiful festival of the year - Christmas.

### **What is the weather like in Britain?**

The weather in Britain is very changeable. The summers are not very hot and the winters are not very severe.

**Find Czech proverbs to these English ones:**

There is nothing new under the sun. - .....

Make hay while the sun shines. - .....

Still waters are deep. - .....

One swallow doesn't make a summer. - .....

Every cloud has a silver lining. - .....

**Do you watch or listen to the weather forecast?**

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(I listen to weather forecasts especially when I go on holiday/for a trip... .)

**What natural disasters appear in your country?**

Fortunately in my country there aren't many natural disasters - no earthquakes, tidal waves, hurricanes, tornadoes, erupting volcanoes and lava, drought. Every spring some areas are flooded. Sometimes there is a very strong wind or gale, torrential rains. There are often storms. In winter and spring there is a danger of avalanches in the mountains.

**What other natural disasters do you know?**

In other parts of the world there are many disasters: in the U.S.A. frequent tornadoes and earthquakes, near the Indian Ocean the huge tidal waves, in some countries erupting volcanoes and lava, drought in Africa.

**nature** - abstraktní síla kolem nás

**scenery** - např. příroda v určitém regionu: *Scenery of North Moravia in is beautiful.*

**beauties of nature** - konkrétní věci, rostliny, místa apod., které např. můžeme fotit: *He likes taking photos of the beauties of nature.*

**in the country** (general)/**countryside** (more specific; it refers in particular to fields/meadows/rivers/streams)

**outdoors = outside = in the open air**

**outdoors** - venku, v přírodě, tedy ne doma, např. stanujeme v přírodě: *I love camping outdoors.*

(**nature** - charakter (člověka), charakter/podstata (věci))

**Answer these questions:**

**What do people do in spring, summer, autumn, winter?**

**What do people wear in spring, summer, autumn, winter?**

**What is the weather like today?**

**What is your favourite season and why?**

**Match the word with the correct explanation:**

**a)**

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| 1) blizzard  | a) a little wet, not really dry  |
| 2) breeze    | b) a heavy rain  |
| 3) damp      | c) very small drops of rain coming from a cloud                              |
| 4) downpour  | d) water rises above its usual level and covers places that are normally dry |
| 5) flood     | e) a snow storm  |
| 6) drizzle   | f) a period of time with no rainfall   |
| 7) drought   | g) a white cloud that makes it difficult to see                              |
| 8) fog       | h) to become good  |
| 9) frost     | i) the weather condition with very low temperature                           |
| 10) clear up | j) light wind  |
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**b)**

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| 1) chilly    | a) air/climate containing water                                    |
| 2) lightning | b) little balls of ice that sometimes fall from the clouds         |
| 3) mild      | c) to change into a liquid (e.g. snow in the spring)               |
| 4) overcast  | d) a very strong wind  |
| 5) scorching | e) not very cold and not very hot                                  |
| 6) slush     | f) very hot  |
| 7) melt      | g) very wet snow lying on the ground                               |
| 8) humid     | h) a very cloudy weather in which you cannot see any clear sky     |
| 9) hail      | i) cold  |
| 10) gale     | j) the flash of light you can see in the sky when there is a storm |

**c)**

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| 1) sleet    | a) to produce light   |
| 2) thunder  | b) not wet or humid weather, the opposite of wet/humid              |
| 3) wind     | c) rain and snow together   |
| 4) dry      | d) to heat something frozen so that it becomes liquid or soft again |
| 5) shine    | e) very cold, temperature below zero                                |
| 6) forecast | f) moving air   |
| 7) wet      | g) very strong wind together with rain (often in summer)            |
| 8) freezing | h) to say what will happen  |
| 9) storm    | i) covered or soaked in water                                       |
| 10) thaw    | j) the loud noise you can hear during a storm                       |

Complete the sentence. Find the most suitable word in the box:

<b>forecast</b>	<b>hard</b>	<b>rumble/crash/roll/clap</b>	<b>clear</b>	<b>patches</b>	<b>warming</b>	<b>wet</b>	<b>widespread</b>
<b>heavy</b>	<b>mild</b>	<b>degrees (centigrade)</b>	<b>gust</b>	<b>strong (2x)</b>	<b>dense/thick</b>	<b>humid</b>	<b>light (2x)</b>

1. We didn't see the road through the ..... fog.
2. The rainy weather has caused ..... floods.
3. There was a ..... of thunder in the distance.
4. The frost was so ..... that my car didn't start in the morning.
5. The midday sun is very .....
6. Children couldn't go out because of the ..... rain.
7. The ..... of fog will clear by midday.
8. There was a ..... breeze this morning.
9. Low clouds and ..... of fog will occur in the Moravian-Silesian Region this morning.
10. In the afternoon there will be some ..... showers, so take umbrellas with you.
11. We can't go for a trip because of rain and ..... wind.
12. It's impossible to ..... the weather more than a week ahead.
13. In England there are usually ..... winters.
14. The sky was ..... without clouds.
15. There was rain in the night. The ground is still .....
16. The climate in the United Kingdom is ..... and mild.
17. The weather is ..... up to be nice and dry this weekend.
18. The temperature was only two .....