

DIDACTIC UNIT

I WILL WALK 500 MILES, by PROCLAIMERS



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INTRODUCTION

This lesson has been designed for students of 4º E.S.O. or 1st year of Bachillerato, although its contents may be adapted to lower or higher levels.

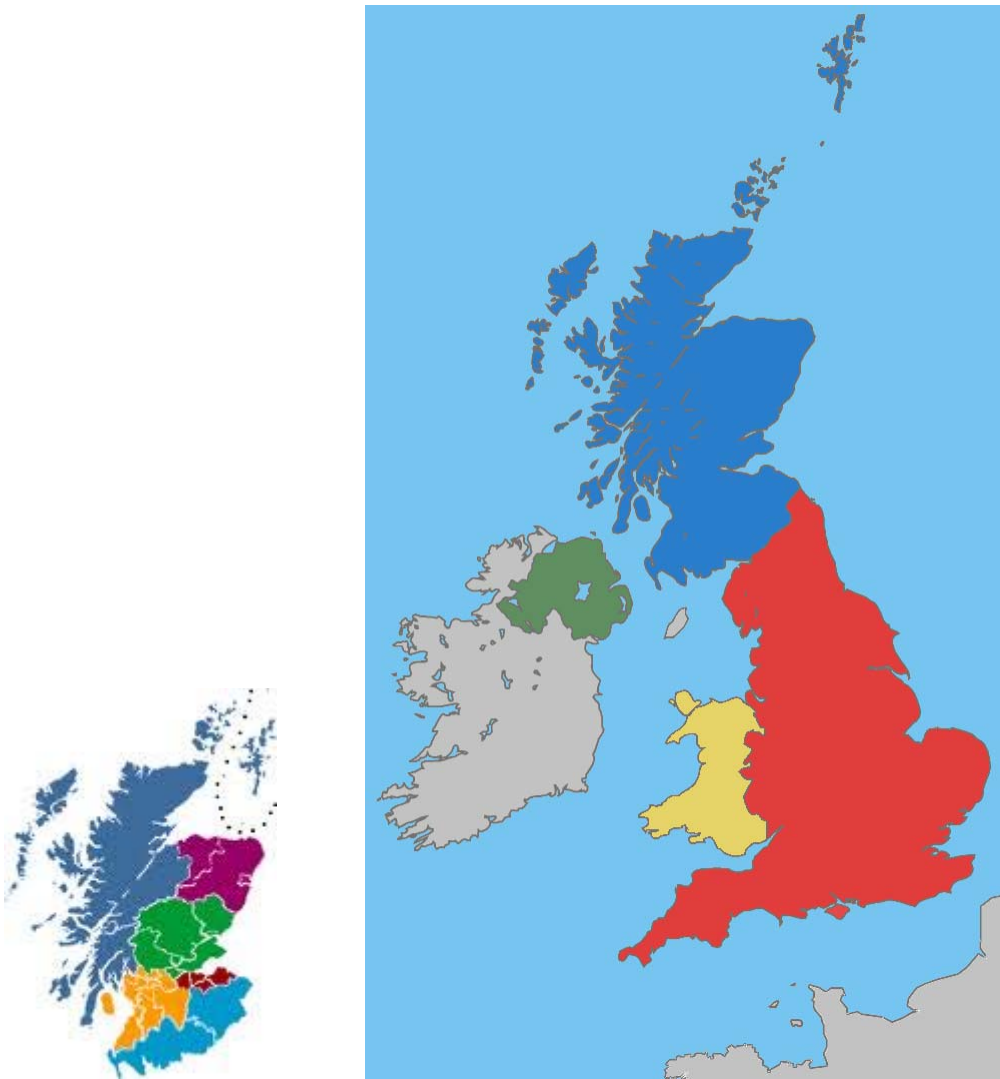
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I. CULTURAL BACKGROUND – SCOTLAND READING COMPREHENSION EXERCISE

<http://www.visitscotland.com/guide/scotland-factfile/scotlands-regions1/>
(Map and main countries)

http://www.linguistiek.com/index_bestanden/scotland.htm (A webquest)



Read the text and answer the questions below:

Scotland: a land of contrasts

Scotland provides superb opportunities to enjoy wild and grand scenery which is even more impressive than the postcards suggest. It also offers towns and cities with a rich cultural life, a good mix of accommodation and places to eat and drink. Friendly and welcoming, it is an interesting and colourful all-season destination, where landscapes and the environment, sport and leisure pursuits, heritage and history, culture and cuisine are all part of a rewarding experience.

The best reason for choosing to go on holiday to Scotland is this: is one of the last places inside the crowded and frenetic European Union where it is possible to be alone isolated countryside. This is not to say that Scotland, like everywhere else, does not have its tourist traps, its crowded roads or its popular beauty spots. But it is relatively easy to escape from them.

It would be a mistake to think that Scotland is merely an extension of England. Indeed, no attitude is capable of causing greater offence to the Scots. They successfully resisted English attempts at domination for seven hundred years,

and many differences between the two countries persist. Scotland's history, embodied in its castles, battlefields, and ancient links with France, Flanders and Scandinavia, is special.

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

1. Answer the following questions using your own words.

- a) What is Scotland's countryside like?
- b) Why do people in Scotland think they are different from the English?

2. Are the following statements true (T) or false (F)?

- a) The only good time to go to Scotland is in summer.
- b) There is a variety of places to stay in Scotland.

3. Find a word or phrase in the text which, in context, is similar in meaning to:

- a) full of people
- b) drawn, depicted

4. Choose a, b, or c, in each question below. Only one choice is correct.

1. Scotland is ...

- a) *full of lively towns and cities.*
- b) *similar to many other countries in Europe.*
- c) *as impressive as postcards suggest.*

2. In Scotland, tourists ...

- a) *are always alone in the country.*
- b) *can easily get away from crowds and traffic.*
- c) *get trapped in popular beauty spots.*

3. When you say that Scotland is like England, the Scottish ...

- a) *feel insulted.*
- b) *cause offence.*
- c) *are amused.*

4. Scotland ...

- a) *was dominated by England for seven hundred years.*
- b) *dominated England for seven hundred years.*
- c) *kept out English invaders for seven hundred years.*

II. GRAMMAR II – THE FUTURE: WILL, GOING TO & PRESENT CONTINUOUS WITH FUTURE MEANING

You can revise the previously studied verb tenses and the tenses that express FUTURE in the following website.

Learning English Verb Tenses Form and Use



<http://www.isabelperez.com/happy/tenses.htm>

WILL

Form:

AFFIRMATIVE

NEGATIVE

I
You
He / She / It will ('ll) go tomorrow.
We
You
They

I
You
He / She / It will not (won't) go tomorrow.
We
You
They

QUESTION

SHORT ANSWERS

Will I
You
He / She / It go tomorrow?
We
You
They

Yes, I will. / No, I won't.
Yes, you will. / No, you won't.
Yes, he/she/it will. / No, he/she/it won't.
Yes, we will. / No, we won't.
Yes, you will. / No, you won't.
Yes, they will. / No, they won't.

a. Complete the sentences with WILL or WON'T. Use the verbs in brackets.

- a. I a motorbike one day. (buy)
- b. My family in Zaragoza next year. (not live)

- c.you here tomorrow morning? (be)
- d. He a popular person. (not be)
- e. Your friends basketball next Saturday. They basketball on Sunday. (play / not play)

Use:

WILL for decisions taken at the moment of speaking, spontaneous actions or predictions (I think ..., I'm sure ..., I hope ..., I'm afraid ...)

Examples: I think Sue will arrive in Paris at 6 pm.
 Wait a minute! I'll have a word with you.
 The weather will be good tomorrow.

- 1. Continue the exercise after the example.

Use **I think ...** (creo que ...), **I'm sure ...** (estoy seguro de que...), **I hope ...** (espero que...), **I'm afraid ...** (me temo que...)

Example:

What will you do next weekend?

Next weekend I think I'll go to Santander. I'll visit some friends. We'll probably go to a football match on Saturday, and on Sunday we'll have lunch at their home.

WRITING

Write sentences with **I think ...** All the sentences are future.

- 1. (Diana / pass the exam) *I think Diana will pass the exam.*
- 2. (Jack / win the game) *I think*
- 3. (the weather / be nice tomorrow)
- 4. (Sue / like her present)

Now write sentences with **I don't think ...**

- 5. (they / get married) *I don't think*

6. (I / stay at home this evening)
7. (John / come to visit us)

GOING TO

Form: to be (am, are, is) + going to + infinitive

Example: I'm going to (*gonna) see the doctor tomorrow.

Santiago is going to (*gonna) play tennis with me next week.

We're going to (*gonna) cook paella for everybody next Saturday.

*Gonna is used in spoken English, it is informal and frequent in songs.

Use:

1. Planned actions in the future.

Ex: We are going to sing at the party.

2. You are certain that something is going to happen in the future because there's evidence (predictions based on evidence).

Ex: Look at this car! It is going to crash into the yellow one.

Ex: Look at the sky! It's going to rain.

Examples:

Affirmative sentences:

I am going to play handball.	You are going to play handball.
I'm going to play handball.	You're going to play handball.

Negative sentences:

I am not going to play handball.	You are not going to play handball.
I'm not going to play handball.	You're not going to play handball.
	You aren't going to play handball.

Questions:

Am I going to play handball?	Are you going to play handball?
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EXERCISES

Put in the verbs in brackets into the gaps and form sentences. Use **going to**.

Example: She _____ a present for her mother. (**to buy**)

Answer: She **is going to buy** a present for her mother. or She's **going to buy** a present for her mother.

- a. He his friend. **(to phone)**
- b. We a new computer game. **(to play)**
- c. My sister TV. **(to watch)**
- d. You a picnic next Tuesday. **(to have)**
- e. Janeto the office. **(to go)**
- f. They to the bus stop this afternoon. **(to walk)**
- g. His brother a letter to his uncle today. **(to write)**
- h. She her aunt. **(to visit)**
- i. I my homework after school. **(to do)**
- j. Sophie and Nick her friends. **(to meet)**

PRESENT CONTINUOUS WITH FUTURE MEANING

Form: to be (am, are or is) + base form of a verb + -ing.

Affirmative sentences:

I am playing volleyball.
He/she/it is playing volleyball.
We/you/they are playing volleyball.

We often use [short forms](#) in affirmative sentences in the Present Continuous.

Ex: I'm playing volleyball, She's playing volleyball, They're playing volleyball.

Negative sentences:

I am not playing volleyball.
He/she/it is not playing volleyball.
We/you/they are not playing volleyball.

NOTE: We often use [short forms](#) in negative sentences in the Present Continuous.

Ex: I'm not playing volleyball, She's not / She isn't playing volleyball, They're not / They aren't playing volleyball.

Questions:

Auxiliary + Subject + Verb + -ing?

Am I playing volleyball?
Is he/she/it playing volleyball?
Are we/you/they playing volleyball?

Short answers:

Are you working? Yes, I am. / No, I'm not.
Is she enjoying the party? Yes, She is. / No, she isn't.
Are they running? Yes, they are. / No, they aren't.

Use: We can use the present continuous for

- something happening **now**, at the moment of speaking
- **plans or intentions in the near future.**

Ex: I'm doing homework now.
I'm not going out tonight.
I'm meeting my friends this evening.
My sister is getting married next December.

EXERCISES

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Use the **Present Continuous**.

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III. LISTENING TO THE SONG

I WILL WALK 500 MILES, by PROCLAIMERS

The Proclaimers are a Scottish band composed of identical twin brothers, Charlie and Craig Reid (born 5 March 1962, in Leith). They are probably best known for the songs "Letter from America", "I'm On My Way" and "I'm Gonna Be (500 Miles)".

I'm Gonna Be (500 Miles) is a song written and performed by The Proclaimers. It was released on their 1988 *Sunshine on Leith* album, and subsequently as a single. It has become one of their most popular songs, reaching No. 11 in the UK charts and No. 1 on the Australian ARIA Charts in 1989, plus, five years later, No. 3 in the US Billboard Hot 100.

The song is popular in Scotland, where at Hampden Park, every time the national football team scores, the song is played and sung along to by Scotland fans. This also occurs at Murrayfield Stadium when the Scotland rugby union team scores a try, and Easter Road Stadium when Hibernian—the team The Proclaimers support—score. The song receives a similar kind of following at darts events when played as a "walk on" tune for Scottish player Robert Thornton.

It was featured on the soundtrack to the 1993 film *Benny & Joon*, when one of the film's stars, Mary Stuart Masterson, kept on playing *Sunshine on Leith* while filming the movie and the filmmakers took special notice of this song in particular. As a result the original music video was re-edited with clips from the film. The inclusion of the song on the popular film helped popularize the song in the United States, where it is mistakenly but commonly regarded as a 1990s song, despite being recorded and released in 1988.

You can find this song and its lyrics in the website below:

(I'm gonna be) 500 miles!, by The Proclaimers



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<http://ambito-comunicacion.blogspot.com/2010/05/proclaimers-im-gonna-be-500-miles.html>

Listen to the song and fill in the gaps:

When I yeah I know I'm gonna be
I'm gonna be the man who wakes up next to you
When I yeah I know I'm gonna be
I'm gonna be the man who goes along with you
If I yes I know I'm gonna be
I'm gonna be the man who gets drunk next to you
And if I yeah I know I'm gonna be
I'm gonna be the man who's havering to you

But I would walk 500 miles
And I would walk 500 more
Just to be the man who walked a 1000 miles
To fall down at your door

When I'm yes I know I'm gonna be
I'm gonna be the man who's working hard for you
And when the money comes in for the work I'll do
I'll pass almost every on to you

When I come oh I know I'm gonna be
I'm gonna be the man who comes back home to you
And if I old well I know I'm gonna be
I'm gonna be the man who's growing old with you

But I would walk 500 miles
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To fall down at your door

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da da da dum da da dum da da dum da da
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When I'm yes I know I'm gonna be
I'm gonna be the man whose lonely without you
When I'm well I know I'm gonna dream
Dream about the time when I'm with you

When I well I know I'm gonna be
I'm gonna be the man who goes along with you
And when I come yes I know I'm gonna be
I'm gonna be the man who comes back home to you
I'm gonna be the man who's coming home with you

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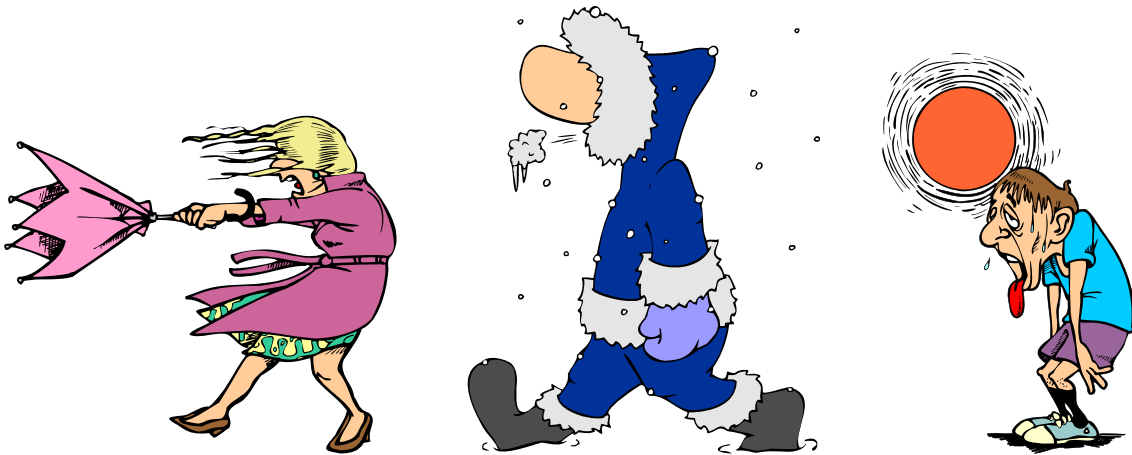
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IV. WEATHER - PREDICTIONS

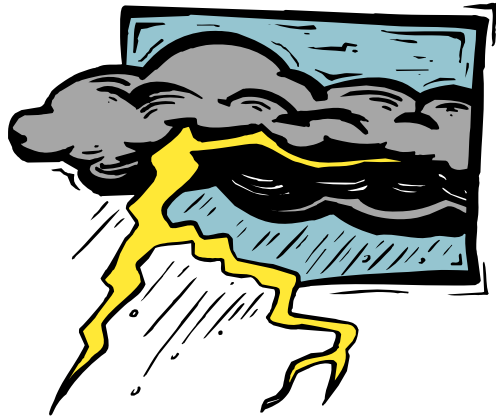
What is the weather like? (Present)

What was the weather like? (Simple Past)

What will the weather be like? (Future – WILL)



TODAY	It is windy.	It's snowing today. / It's snowy.	It's (very) hot.
YESTERDAY	It was windy.	It snowed. / It was snowy.	It was (very) hot.
TOMORROW	It will be windy.	It will snow. / It will be snowy.	It will be (very) hot.

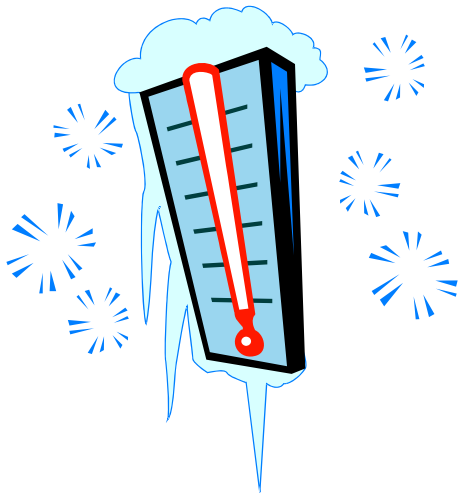


TODAY
YESTERDAY
TOMORROW

It's stormy.
It was stormy.
It will be stormy.



It's raining. / It is rainy.
It rained. / It was rainy.
It will rain. / It will be rainy.

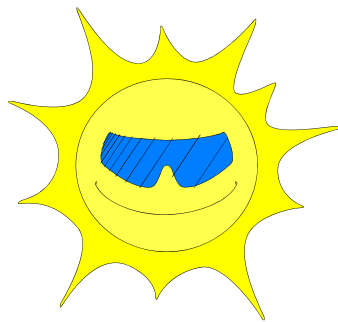


TODAY
YESTERDAY
TOMORROW

It's cold. It's freezing.
It was cold. It was freezing.
It will be cold. It will be freezing.



It's cloudy. / It's foggy.
It was cloudy. / It was foggy.
It will be cloudy. / It will be foggy.



TODAY
YESTERDAY
TOMORROW

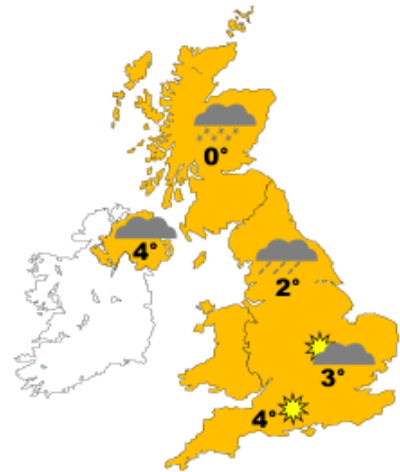
It's sunny. / It's warm.
It was sunny. / It was warm.
It will be sunny. / It will be warm.

What do you think the weather will be like tomorrow?
I think it

Exercise on the Weather Forecast

Complete the sentences according to the picture. (You may only use each word once.)

- in Scotland will be around degrees.
- In the Scottish mountains, it will be .
- Further to the south, the will be very unpleasant.
- It will be with temperatures around degrees.
- The east of England will be with a few occasionally.
- In Northern Ireland, it will be , but .
- People in the of England will have a nice day with a lot of .
- However, it won't be that there either.
- Temperatures will only reach degrees.



<http://www.ego4u.com/en/cram-up/vocabulary/weather/exercises>

In this website you can find vocabulary related to the weather and its pronunciation:

<http://www.languageguide.org/english/vocabulary/weather/>

V. READING I – WRITING

Read the advertisement. Then make advertisements yourselves (working in groups) to get people to join your holiday trip.

HOLIDAY IN SCOTLAND

We are organizing a holiday walking tour in the North of Scotland.
We are going to cover 150 miles of mountainous country in ten days.
It's going to be hard work.
It's going to be tough.
You're going to get wet, cold and tired a lot of the time.
But it's going to be fun!
If you are fit, and if you like beautiful places, why not join us? Cost £38.
For more details, write Box 1346,
Edinburgh Times.

We are organizing a trip to
We are going to
It's going to be
And / But it's going to be
If you are, and,
Why not join us?
Cost: €.....

VI. READING II - HOROSCOPES AND PREDICTIONS



Aries (Mar 21-Apr 20) Money will come to you at the end of the week. Be careful – it could go again very fast!



Taurus (Apr 21-May 21) You will have trouble with a child. Try to be patient. You will have a small accident on Sunday – nothing serious.



Gemini (May 22-June 21) This will be a good time for love, but there will be a serious misunderstanding with somebody close to you. Try to tell the truth.



Cancer (June 22-July 22) You will meet somebody who could change your life. Don't be too cautious – the opportunity won't come again.



Leo (July 23-Aug 23) Something very strange will happen next Thursday. Try to laugh about it.



Virgo (Aug 24-Sept 23) This will be a terrible week. The weekend will be the worst time. Stay in bed on Sunday. Don't open the door. Don't answer the phone.



Libra (Sept 24-Oct 23) There will be bad news the day after tomorrow; but the bad news will turn to good.



Scorpio (Oct 24-Nov 22) You will make an unexpected journey, and you will find something very good at the end of it.



Sagittarius (Nov 23-Dec 21) You will have trouble with a person and you will have help from another person.



Capricorn (Dec 22-Jan 20) A letter will bring a great surprise, and some unhappiness, but a good friend will make things better.



Aquarius (Jan 21-Feb 18) An old friend will come back into your life, bringing new problems.



Pisces (Feb 19-Mar 20) In three days you will receive an exciting offer. But your family will make difficulties.

Read your horoscope with a dictionary. Write a horoscope for your sign and for another partner's sign.

VII. PROJECT – SPEAKING & WRITING

Ask your partner: How old will you be in the year 2015?
 Where do you think you will live?
 What do you think you will do?
 What about your family? Will you have any children?

Add at least eight more questions.

Take notes about your partner's life in the future.

Tell the class the information you have about your partner.

VIII. TRANSLATE

- a. El próximo fin de semana creo que iremos a Valencia.

- b. Lo siento, no podemos este viernes. Estamos acupados.

- c. ¿Tiene una habitación para dos para tres noches con desayuno?

- d. Vamos a celebrar el cumpleaños de Rita el próximo fin de semana.

- e. Sally va a cantar una canción tradicional en el festival de su instituto.

- f. ¡Mira, tus llaves están en el suelo! Yo las recojo.

- g. ¿Va a llover mañana? No lo sé. Miremos en Internet.
