

Inglês para brasileiros - Aula de inglês de graça 05 - Weather Vocabulary

Task #1 -

Floodwater

Heavy rain

Heavy machinery

Overflow

Sandbag

Snowfall

Snow dump

Snow chain

Torrential rain

Weather warning (example)

Wild weather

Wintery weather

Task #2 -

1. What are the firemen doing with the pumps?

They are pumping the water out of the properties/houses/sections

2. What happened to properties north of Wellington?

Some properties were swamped and now there is a lot of water covering parts of them. It is like a swamp now. It looks like a swamp now.

3. What is the issue with the sandbags according to one of the locals? Why does it happen?

Sometimes they work, sometimes they don't. I think when there is too much rain, the sandbags cannot hold the water. There is only so much water the sandbags can hold and, in this case, it might not be enough.

4. What does it mean when the reporter says "snow chain is a must"?

When something "is a must", it means something is necessary or fundamental. In this case, vehicles must use snow chains to be able to drive on the icy roads.

Sometimes we use must-do to explain that something is important to do. For example: Visiting the Eiffel Tower is a must-do when you are in Paris.

Sometimes we use must-see or must-watch to say that something is worth seeing or watching. For example: The new Batman movie is a must-watch

We also use must-have to say that something is important to have. For example: When hiking in New Zealand, strong boots are a must-have!

5. Who is making the most of the biggest snow dump? What are they doing?

Some locals are taking their children to see their first snowfall and have fun. Some people bought toys to slide on the snow.

Task #3 -

1. Are there any weather-related problems in your country? If so, what is "a must" or a "must-do" in those situations?

Sample answer: When the summer rain comes in my hometown, we have to watch for floodwater, so staying at home is a must. When we are driving and the streets get flooded we have to drive more carefully because sometimes the water levels are so high that it floods the car engine...

Because in hometown is really dry, sometimes people set fire to empty sections to clean them and soot comes inside our house, so closing the windows is a must.*

**Soot = small black pieces of wood or grass that flies around when there is a fire*

2. When summer comes, what do you do to make the most of it? (what do you do to enjoy it?)

I love summer and I love going to the beach with my friends and family. There's a nice place not too far from where I live and it's really affordable. I go there for Christmas holidays every year!

I really like spending time at my family's ranch in the countryside. There's nothing like the fresh air and nature there! We ride horses, swim in the river/lake and go fishing almost every day!