## Unit 4

## Las estaciones y el tiempo

Learı	ning objectives	Vocabulario – Key words	
*	Pupils will be able to: Talk about the weather and	en primavera	in spring
	seasons in general	en verano	in summer
*	Describe the day's weather conditions	en otoño	in autumn
		en invierno	in winter
Resources needed		llueve	it rains/is raining
×	Sheets 4a, 4b, 4c, 4d, 4e; CD	nieva	it snows/is snowing
*	Tracks 4–5	hace bueno	it is fine
*	Cardboard; split pins; large sheet of paper; sticky notelets or paper and Blu-Tack.	hace sol	it is sunny
		hace malo	it is not a nice day
		hace calor	it is hot
Activities		hace frío	it is cold
★	Introduce weather expressions.	hace viento	it is windy
	Listen to the CD and show the flashcards (sheet 4a) as they are heard. Pupils repeat the phrases.	¿qué tiempo	what is the
		hace?	weather like?
		hoy	today

- Use the flashcards to emphasize weather expressions. Place flashcards in a row face down on a table/board. One pupil picks a card, gives it to you without looking at it and has a guess at the weather expression. If incorrect then the group can guess. The correct pupil chooses another card, and so on.
- Pupils fill in the weather wheel (sheet 4b) by putting the correct phrase(s) with the pictures. They could mount it on cardboard and put a split pin through the middle with the arrow cut out. Highlight repetition of 'Hace ...'
- Introduce the question '¿Qué tiempo hace hoy?' Pupils move the arrow to point to today's weather and respond. They could also point and say the weather for other days as if they were back on that day.
- Introduce seasons by extending '¿Qué tiempo hace ... en otoño/en invierno?' Suggest several typical weather conditions and actions to help elicit understanding of season words. Repeat, eg 'En otoño hace viento y llueve.' Pupils suggest weather typical of each season.
- \* Sheet 4c can be used to reinforce the seasons.
- Sheet 4d. This listening exercise combines seasons and weather. Pupils number the pictures as they hear the corresponding descriptions. More able pupils could write the phrases as well.

Sheet 4e (CD Track 5). Song: ¡Qué Ilueva, qué Ilueva! Pupils could follow the words and sing the song.

## Further activities

- Pupils could use a chart similar to 'la semana' week plan (Unit 3) to record the weather each day for a week either by writing the phrase or drawing a weather symbol. On Friday you could review the week's weather.
- Weather 'round-up'. Draw a large outline of Spain on the board/large sheet of paper. Mark on a few principal towns, eg Madrid, Barcelona, Málaga, Valencia, etc (sheet 6b could be enlarged). Pupils prepare weather symbols in pairs/groups on sticky notelets or small pieces of paper and Blu-Tack. They then present a weather 'round-up' saying 'En Madrid Ilueve', or 'En Barcelona, hace bueno', etc while sticking their symbols on the map.



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## ¡Qué llueva, qué llueva!

Let's hope it rains, it rains!

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Canta esta canción. Sing this song.

¡Qué llueva, qué llueva!

La Virgen de la cueva

Los pajaritos cantan

Las nubes se levantan

¡Qué sí, qué no, qué caiga un chaparrón!

¡Qué caiga un chaparrón, con azúcar y limón!

