

Lesson 62: Climate

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1. Dialogue

First, repeat after your tutor. Then, practice each role.

Ryuichi: Did you hear how cold it is now in Chicago? It's even colder than the North Pole!

Mark: Is that even normal?

Ryuichi: The weather report said that the U.S. is experiencing some sort of a cold wave. It's a rare climatic event.

Mark: I thought the world was supposed to be getting warmer. I read about climate changes on the internet. It said that global warming is all because of pollution.

Ryuichi: Do you think maybe there's some truth to it?

Mark: It could be all true. The weather's getting erratic. Winter and summer temperatures are **off the charts**.

Ryuichi: It is quite shocking. Just last year, the biggest hurricane in the world wiped out an entire city in the Philippines.

Mark: Oh, yeah. I couldn't believe it when I saw it on the news.

Ryuichi: Climate change is a serious matter. I wish I could do something about it.

Mark: My thoughts exactly.

2. Today's Phrase

First, repeat after your tutor. Then, make a few sentences using Today's phrase.

1. Last winter's snowfall was definitely **off the charts**.
2. Professional football players' salaries are unbelievably high. They're **off the charts**.
3. You wouldn't believe how fast that sports car can go. It's **off the charts**!

* off the charts / (大きさ・程度・数量などが) とてつもない

3. Your Task

You are travelling around Europe. One of the foreigners (=your tutor) has asked about the climate in Japan.

He/she is very interested in winter sports. Tell them about the four seasons in Japan. You should also tell him/her what they can enjoy during winter and where to go for winter sports.

4. Let's Talk

Environmentalists say that pollution is affecting the weather around the world. What's your opinion about this?

5. Today's photo

Describe the photo in your words as precisely as possible.



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