

Access English Centre Immigrant Centre Manitoba



Winter in Winnipeg: Beautiful / Dangerous

Objectives: Ss are expected to know and understand the beauty and the danger of the winter and get the necessary information on – how to prepare for winter, how to enjoy, and protect themselves in winter.

Newcomers to Winnipeg are told repeatedly how bad the winter is. It's bad... but with the right supplies, right attitude and adopting a measure of Manitobans hardiness, the winter can be not just tolerable, but even fun. Here's how to survive and even enjoy the winter in Winnipeg, Manitoba.

Vocabulary: repeatedly, supply, attitude, adopt, measure, tolerable, survive, enjoy, fun

Task 1: Ask your partner and report the answers to the group/class.

(Beginner – Ss are expected to tell the class with short answers. Intermediate – Ss are expected to share his/her partner answers in their own words. Advanced – Ss are expected to report the answers in proper tenses in indirect speech.)

1. Do you have winter in your home country? Is it cold?
Does it snow?
2. What is the average temperature in winter in your home country?
3. Do you know what we should wear in winter here?
4. Where can we get good clothing with less money?
5. Do you know what we can do to have fun in winter?

Task 2. Matching the new words with the pictures

Vocabulary: blizzard, wind chill, snow storm, gust of wind, slippery, icy, flurry, freezing, shovel snow, snow plow, car accident, dig out the car, push the car out of the ditch, snow blower



The winter is long, and cold, snowy and icy, with blizzards and biting winds direct from the North Pole. There're also beautiful days, crisp and clear, where the sky is bright blue, the sun shines, the wind is still and it's a joy to wrap up warm, get outside and crunch through the snow.

To survive winter in Winnipeg, you need to be prepared.

Questions:

1. Are you ready for the winter here?
2. Did you get warm clothes and warm boots?
3. Do you have a toque/hat for yourself?
4. If you have a car, have you changed a set of winter tires?
5. Do you have a snow shovel/a snow blower to clean your driveway?
6. Do you have canned food and bottles of water in the house/apartment?