

## SCENE 31 • GRAMMAR

# Il tempo

## Weather and necessity

6 Exercises · Duration: 20 min.

The weather and what to wear

Italian

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### Weather

To talk about weather in simple Italian, you often use expressions with **fa** or **c'è**. For temperature, use **fa caldo** and **fa freddo**. For sun, say **c'è il sole**. For rain, say **piove**.

These forms do not change with the person in normal weather sentences. You say **oggi fa caldo**, **domani piove**, **qui c'è il sole**. This is very common and easy at A1.

To ask about weather, you can say **Che tempo fa?** or in a more specific way, **Domani che tempo fa?** In stories about future plans, Italian often uses the present with a future time word: **domani prendo l'ombrello**.

Remember the difference: **fa caldo** means "it is hot", but **c'è il sole** means "there is sun / it is sunny". Both are natural and useful every day.

| Form               | Example                          | Meaning                    |
|--------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------|
| <b>piove</b>       | <b>Oggi piove.</b>               | It's raining today.        |
| <b>fa caldo</b>    | <b>In estate fa caldo.</b>       | It's hot in summer.        |
| <b>fa freddo</b>   | <b>Qui fa freddo in gennaio.</b> | It's cold here in January. |
| <b>c'è il sole</b> | <b>Domani c'è il sole.</b>       | It's sunny tomorrow.       |

Oggi piove.

Today it's raining.

In inverno fa freddo.

In winter it's cold.

Domani c'è il sole.

Tomorrow it's sunny.

Adesso fa caldo.

Right now it's hot.

Martedì prendo l'ombrello.

On Tuesday I'm taking the umbrella.

Sabato andiamo alla festa.

On Saturday we're going to the festival.

Lena, domani porti la giacca?

Lena, are you bringing the jacket tomorrow?

Lukas, domani resti a casa?

Lukas, are you staying home tomorrow?

**GRAMMAR****G1) NOTICE THE USEFUL PATTERN**

Underline the form practised in this unit.

1 Oggi piove.

Meaning: Today it's raining.

2 In inverno fa freddo.

Meaning: In winter it's cold.

3 Domani c'è il sole.

Meaning: Tomorrow it's sunny.

4 Adesso fa caldo.

Meaning: Right now it's hot.

**G2) CHOOSE THE FORM**

Use the English meaning and the pattern in this unit.

**1 Oggi \_\_\_\_\_.**

- ☐ A fa sole
- ☐ B piove
- ☐ C è piove

Meaning: Today it's raining.

**2 In inverno \_\_\_\_\_.**

- ☐ A fa freddo
- ☐ B ha freddo
- ☐ C è freddo

Meaning: In winter it's cold.

**3 Domani \_\_\_\_\_.**

- ☐ A ci sono il sole
- ☐ B c'è il sole
- ☐ C fa il sole

Meaning: Tomorrow it's sunny.

**4 Adesso \_\_\_\_\_.**

- ☐ A fa caldo
- ☐ B sono caldo
- ☐ C c'è caldo

Meaning: Right now it's hot.

**5 Martedì \_\_\_\_\_ l'ombrello.**

- ☐ A prendo
- ☐ B prenderò a
- ☐ C vado prendere

Meaning: On Tuesday I'm taking the umbrella.

**6 Sabato \_\_\_\_\_ alla festa.**

- ☐ A andremo di
- ☐ B andiamo
- ☐ C andiamo a andare

Meaning: On Saturday we're going to the festival.

**7 Lena, domani \_\_\_\_\_ la giacca?**

- ☐ A vai portare
- ☐ B porti
- ☐ C porterai a

Meaning: Lena, are you bringing the jacket tomorrow?

**8 Lukas, domani \_\_\_\_\_ a casa?**

- ☐ A resterai di
- ☐ B resti
- ☐ C vai restare

Meaning: Lukas, are you staying home tomorrow?

**G3) COMPLETE THE MESSAGES**

Fill the gaps with the words from the box.

c'è il sole   fa il sole

Domani \_\_\_\_\_.

Meaning: Tomorrow it's sunny.

fa caldo c'è caldo

Adesso \_\_\_\_\_.

Meaning: Right now it's hot.

prendo prenderò a

Martedì \_\_\_\_\_ l'ombrello.

Meaning: On Tuesday I'm taking the umbrella.

andiamo andremo di

Sabato \_\_\_\_\_ alla festa.

Meaning: On Saturday we're going to the festival.

porti porterai a

Lena, domani \_\_\_\_\_ la giacca?

Meaning: Lena, are you bringing the jacket tomorrow?

resti resterai di

Lukas, domani \_\_\_\_\_ a casa?

Meaning: Lukas, are you staying home tomorrow?

#### G4) BUILD A SENTENCE

Put the words in order.

1 fa freddo. inverno In

Meaning: In winter it's cold.

2 Domani c'è sole. il

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Meaning: Tomorrow it's sunny.

3 Adesso caldo. fa

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Meaning: Right now it's hot.

4 prendo l'ombrello. Martedì

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Meaning: On Tuesday I'm taking the umbrella.

5 alla festa. andiamo Sabato

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Meaning: On Saturday we're going to the festival.

- 6 porti giacca? la Lena, domani

Meaning: Lena, are you bringing the jacket tomorrow?

### G5) WHAT WOULD YOU SAY?

Choose the right words for the situation.

**1 Today it's raining. You say:**

- ☐ A Oggi fa sole.
- ☐ B Oggi piove.

**2 In winter it's cold. You say:**

- ☐ A In inverno fa freddo.
- ☐ B In inverno è freddo.

**3 Tomorrow it's sunny. You say:**

- ☐ A Domani c'è il sole.
- ☐ B Domani fa il sole.

**4 Right now it's hot. You say:**

- (A) Adesso fa caldo.
- (B) Adesso c'è caldo.

**G6) CONNECT MESSAGES AND MEANINGS**

Match the pairs.

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|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|
| (1) In inverno fa freddo.         | (A) Right now it's hot.                         |
| (2) Lena, domani porti la giacca? | (B) On Saturday we're going to the festival.    |
| (3) Lukas, domani resti a casa?   | (C) In winter it's cold.                        |
| (4) Oggi piove.                   | (D) Lukas, are you staying home tomorrow?       |
| (5) Martedì prendo l'ombrello.    | (E) Today it's raining.                         |
| (6) Domani c'è il sole.           | (F) Lena, are you bringing the jacket tomorrow? |

⑦ Sabato andiamo  
alla festa.

⑧ Tomorrow it's sunny.

⑨ Adesso fa caldo.

⑩ On Tuesday I'm taking the  
umbrella.