

A to Z English

A to Z Quick Chat 27: Have you ever seen the rain?

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Write the definitions for the vocabulary words.

1.	depressing	
2.	drizzle	
3.	sleet	
4.	puddle	

Make your own sentences by using the words and expressions above.

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Discussion Questions

1. Do you like rainy days? Why or why not?
2. What's your favorite kind of weather?
3. Do rainy days make you feel depressed, or do they make you happy?
4. What do you usually do on rainy days?

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00:00:01 Jack

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00:00:06 Kevin

Second, welcome to an A-Z English quick chat. We're going to surprise each other with a topic for the day and see where the conversation goes.

00:00:19 Kevin

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00:00:26 Kevin

So you can join in the discussion.

00:00:28 Kevin

And Jack, this is not a very surprising topic for today, but it's raining outside.

00:00:35 Kevin

It's the fall.

00:00:36 Kevin

It's getting cold and you know it.

00:00:38 Kevin

It feels kind of like a, uh, a depressing day.

00:00:43 Kevin

But what do you think though?

00:00:44 Kevin

Like, do you like the rain?

00:00:46 Kevin

'cause I actually kind of do I like the rain?

00:00:49 Kevin

Rainy days aren't depressing for me.

00:00:51 Jack

Yeah, I don't mind rainy days either, especially if they if they occur.

00:00:56 Jack

On the weekend when I don't need to go, you know, outside if I have to take the subway or get on the bus or something like that.

00:01:05 Jack

I I definitely have a problem with the rain because my shoes get wet and it's, you know, just really annoying.

00:01:05 Kevin

That's true, that's true.

00:01:13 Kevin

Yeah, fairpoint.

00:01:16 Jack

But when it comes to just like hanging out at home, I like how the rain kind of cools everything off a little bit because it's been.

00:01:23 Kevin

Makes everything clean.

00:01:25 Jack

Yeah right, it cleans the street.

00:01:27 Jack

It kind of kind of.

00:01:29 Jack

For for, for those of us who are super lazy and and don't want to wash their car, I just let the rain naturally wash my car.

00:01:36 Kevin

And that.

00:01:39 Jack

So yeah, it's kind of nice.

00:01:42 Kevin

Yeah, for me like with rain is kind of different though.

00:01:46 Kevin

Remember, Korea being a peninsula country?

00:01:48 Kevin

Right, we get actually kind of.

00:01:51 Kevin

A lot of rain here.

00:01:52 Kevin

Not a ton of ton, but it it rains relatively often.

00:01:55 Kevin

And then there's cities like Seattle.

00:01:58 Kevin

For example, up in the Pacific Northwest, were there.

00:02:02 Kevin

It's famous that city is famous for rain, where it rained something like 200 days a year I think.

00:02:08 Kevin

Or more, I mean so it it's raining more than it's not raining there and that kind of rain though.

00:02:08 Jack

Right?

00:02:16 Kevin

And like the rain today here in Seoul is.

00:02:20 Kevin

Slow, boring drizzly rain.

00:02:24 Kevin

Honestly like this kind of rain.

00:02:25 Kevin

I don't like this.

00:02:26 Kevin

Kind of rain.

00:02:27 Jack

Yeah, it's just.

00:02:29 Jack

It's just like you said, drizzle drizzle is a good vocabulary word to describe it, because it's not.

00:02:29 Kevin

If it's it's not exciting, it's not funny.

00:02:35 Kevin

Guess if will rain.

00:02:36 Jack

It's not pouring down, it's just kind of misting, you know?

00:02:40 Jack

So it's just over time, it just gets everything gets a little damp and a little wet, and it's more of an.

00:02:40 Kevin

Almost right?

00:02:47 Jack

Annoyance than.

00:02:49 Jack

Uhm, there's something like I love the feeling of of being kind of stuck inside the house when it's pouring rain.

00:02:57 Jack

I love the sound.

00:02:59 Jack

I love the smell of the ozone in the air.

00:03:03 Jack

I I love.

00:03:04 Kevin

The sound of rain.

00:03:05 Kevin

That's an interesting that you mentioned.

00:03:07 Kevin

I actually have an app on my phone that's just a rain sound app and and.

00:03:11 Jack

Oh OK, like an ASMR type of thing.

00:03:14 Kevin

Not even a SNR is just rain, it's just it's more like.

00:03:16 Kevin

White noise, it took a white noise.

00:03:17 Jack

OK, OK.

00:03:18 Kevin

Sam and I love that for when I need to focus or when I need to study or when I need to.

00:03:23 Kevin

Just not here.

00:03:24 Kevin

The world around me.

00:03:25 Kevin

I put that on and it's just a rain storm.

00:03:27 Kevin

But what's interesting about that app is you can choose what type of.

00:03:30 Kevin

Rain you want to listen to so you can have like a soft rain.

00:03:33 Kevin

You can have a hard rain and I always turn it on to like the hard thunderstorm.

00:03:37 Kevin

Crazy rain.

00:03:39 Kevin

Because I grew up in Arizona and Arizona.

00:03:44 Kevin

Is a desert.

00:03:46 Kevin

And so when you think desert, you don't think reign, of course, like it doesn't rain a lot there.

00:03:49 Jack

Right?

00:03:50 Kevin

Which is true.

00:03:51 Kevin

It doesn't rain a lot, but in the summer when it rains, it rains hard.

00:03:58 Kevin

We get monsoons.

00:03:59 Kevin

These crazy hard storms and I love those and I miss those 'cause Korea doesn't really get a lot of lightning and Thunder here and storms.

00:04:09 Kevin

In Arizona, it comes in and it rains.

00:04:12 Kevin

Really hard like like a hard shower.

00:04:16 Kevin

For two hours.

00:04:17 Kevin

Lightning Thunder wind crazy hard.

00:04:18 Jack

Got it.

00:04:20 Jack

You know, and if you're outside, you're soaking wet like it's yeah.

00:04:24 Kevin

In an instance, if this your wet an umbrella does nothing.

00:04:26 Jack

It's like being in a shower, like literally standing in a shower, yeah?

00:04:31 Kevin

But then it stops after just an hour or two and then it's done and it's clear.

00:04:37 Kevin

And everything is clean and everything is beautiful and you have that power of the rain.

00:04:42 Kevin

And that's what I love.

00:04:43 Kevin

I love those kind of storms.

00:04:46 Jack

Those were the kind of storms that would occur in Minnesota as well.

00:04:50 Kevin

No, do you get those later?

00:04:50 Jack

In the in the summer.

00:04:51 Jack

Yeah, we would not.

00:04:52 Jack

Maybe not quite.

00:04:55 Jack

You know, I, I know that in the.

00:04:57 Jack

Desert, it doesn't rain for most of the year, but then you get a couple of really, really heavy downpours and flooding and things like that.

00:05:03 Kevin

Right, yeah yeah it floods for sure.

00:05:05 Jack

And we get some pretty big thunderstorms.

00:05:09 Jack

Lots of scary, lightning, scary Thunder.

00:05:12 Jack

You know, like enough to kind of shake your the the inside of your body because the the Thunder is so loud.

00:05:17 Jack

Let me know.

00:05:20 Jack

But but those are, you know that happens maybe once or twice a summer, you know and.

00:05:27 Jack

Uh, uh, but uh, yeah I don't and and and then I remember living in Thailand during the monsoon season, which.

00:05:36 Kevin

There it storms a lot.

00:05:38 Jack

Yeah yeah, it just you.

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Those are strong.

00:05:40 Jack

You just get used to you.

00:05:41 Jack

You get kind of sick of it because it's not just like a thunderstorm and it goes away.

00:05:46 Jack

It's something that happen.

00:05:48 Jack

And you know, kind of every other day or every day for a month.

00:05:52 Jack

A couple months, you know.

00:05:53 Jack

And it's really yeah, it wears thin.

00:05:57 Kevin

And those I've been down there in the rainy season as well in Thailand and.

00:05:57 Jack

That's for sure.

00:06:01 Kevin

It there it'll.

00:06:02 Kevin

Rain hard in the morning and again in the afternoon and again in the evening and clear up in the.

00:06:07 Kevin

Daytime a little bit.

00:06:08 Kevin

But yeah, and it it does storm a lot.

00:06:11 Kevin

Those Southeast Asia countries get a lot of some crazy hard rain.

00:06:16 Kevin

I still, I love it because I haven't lived down there.

00:06:19 Kevin

And so it was just kind of.

00:06:20 Kevin

It's fun to be in.

00:06:21 Kevin

'cause I I do love the rain, but I remember actually one time I was down in in Indonesia, near Bali, an island near Bali, and this was a bunch of years ago.

00:06:31 Kevin

The small island that we were on my my small cheap hotel, not even a hotel.

00:06:36 Kevin

It was just like a little Hut on the beach we only had.

00:06:39 Kevin

Saltwater showers, 'cause they're pulling in the ocean water.

00:06:41 Jack

Oh yeah, yeah, OK.

00:06:42 Kevin

It was terrible, but one day it rained really hard and everyone just went outside and just stood in the rain to get the fresh water to clean this off, it felt so good.

00:06:51 Jack

That was a.

00:06:52 Jack

A cleaner shower then coming out of your yearbook.

00:06:56 Jack

Glow up, you know something.

00:06:58 Jack

I remember when I was a kid was we.

00:07:01 Jack

I loved a very rainy day on a Saturday or something and just.

00:07:07 Jack

Uhm, lying down on the living room floor and playing board games with my brother.

00:07:14 Jack

You know there's nothing else to do.

00:07:17 Jack

You can't go outside.

00:07:17 Kevin

Right, you can't go outside.

00:07:18 Jack

By so you pull out all those board games your favorite board games, and you just have maybe like a cup of hot cocoa.

00:07:27 Jack

Echo and you know, maybe pop some popcorn and play a a nice board game, monopoly or something like that, and so those are very happy memories.

00:07:37 Kevin

Or not believe.

00:07:38 Kevin

Not a nice board, yeah?

00:07:39 Jack

No, yeah, Monopoly is where you completely destroy everybody else in the game, yeah?

00:07:43 Kevin

Move it terrible.

00:07:45 Kevin

Oh, but I, I know what you mean.

00:07:47 Kevin

Actually, that's an interesting question that I I think we can put out there to our listeners is.

00:07:54 Kevin

Two things one.

00:07:56 Kevin

On a rainy day, what do you do?

00:07:59 Kevin

Right?

00:08:00 Kevin

Like in you know.

00:08:02 Kevin

When I was younger we would do the same thing it was like, yeah, just games hang out with your family now it's you know it's.

00:08:07 Kevin

It's like today's a TV day and he just relax.

00:08:10 Jack

Yeah, well there's yeah.

00:08:11 Kevin

So what do you do on a?

00:08:12 Kevin

Rainy day and also open so.

00:08:13 Jack

There's something something nice of us.

00:08:15 Jack

I'm sorry.

00:08:16 Jack

Yeah, there's something nice about the fact that you have a an excuse to be lazy.

00:08:21 Jack

To feel guilty about it, you know 'cause you can't go outside.

00:08:21 Jack

Yeah, it's true.

00:08:24 Kevin

Yeah, it's like, yeah we can.

00:08:25 Jack

Right?

00:08:26 Kevin

We have to watch TV all day shocks.

00:08:28 Jack

Yeah, right?

00:08:30 Kevin

But also, actually what, UM?

00:08:34 Kevin

What food or drink?

00:08:36 Kevin

What do you usually eat on rainy days in Korea?

00:08:39 Kevin

So you mentioned like you know, hot cocoa and I think that's very American style.

00:08:43 Kevin

That's great.

00:08:44 Kevin

That's probably not only American, but here in Korea they do a lot of I.

00:08:48 Kevin

I remember hearing Macaulay and John and Michael is kind of like a rice liquor.

00:08:54 Kevin

Right, it's almost like like kind of like a beer style and John.

00:08:57 Kevin

It's like the.

00:09:00 Kevin

Uh, not sweet pancake like a fried kind of thing and like those are rainy day foods here in Korean, right?

00:09:05 Jack

Right?

00:09:06 Kevin

I don't know why, but those are are the rainy day foods here, and so I'd be curious to hear in your country for all of our listeners.

00:09:15 Kevin

What's a rainy day like for you?

00:09:17 Kevin

What do you do on a rainy day?

00:09:18 Kevin

What do you eat?

00:09:19 Kevin

What do you drink?

00:09:20 Kevin

How is it different from your rainy days and do you like rainy days or?

00:09:23 Jack

Not yeah, because some people love to, you know.

00:09:26 Jack

When I was very young I love to go outside and jump in puddles, you know, but that kind of wears off after a certain age because you're you get all wet but.

00:09:36 Jack

If I lived in a country where it didn't rain very often, I might want to go outside and just, you know, feel the rain and you know hit my body outside soon.

00:09:45 Kevin

Yeah, well, when I was in Arizona when I was younger, I did that because it rained very rarely and so when it rained we would just go outside and just stand in the rain a lot because it's like, oh rain.

00:09:56 Kevin

It just feels good because it doesn't rain.

00:09:57 Jack

Yeah, right, right?

00:09:58 Kevin

But yeah, if it rains every day, it's like.

00:10:00 Kevin

Oh, rain again.

00:10:02 Jack

Get Me Out of here.

00:10:02 Kevin

Oh yeah, yeah, you just hate it.

00:10:04 Kevin

So yeah, it very much depends on where you live and what kind of rain you get.

00:10:11 Jack

Yeah yeah so please share it please share.

00:10:12 Kevin

It's nice, so yeah, please tell us about your rain experiences.

00:10:16 Kevin

Do you like it?

00:10:17 Kevin

Do you not?

00:10:17 Kevin

What do you do?

00:10:18 Kevin

What do you eat?

00:10:18 Kevin

Drink anything like that about rain all right?

00:10:22 Kevin

So everybody.

00:10:23Kevin

Thanks for thanks for joining in.

00:10:25Kevin

Thanks for listening.

00:10:26Kevin

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Remember you can go to our webpage to find links to our WhatsApp and other social media.

00:10:30Kevin

And if you're on Apple Podcasts, if you can.

00:10:33Kevin

Give us a quick review that would be great, so we'll see you all next.

00:10:36Kevin

Week enjoy the rain.

00:10:38Jack

Yeah bye bye.