Activity Type
Reading, writing, listening and speaking activity

Language Focus
Weather

Aim
To practice weather vocabulary and the future form 'be going to' to talk about weather forecasts. Students also make and present a weather report.

Preparation
Make one copy of the two worksheets for each student.

Level
Pre-intermediate

Time
40 minutes

Introduction
In this enjoyable worksheet activity, students practice weather vocabulary and the future form 'be going to' to talk about weather forecasts. Students also make and present a weather report.

Procedure
Give each student a copy of the first worksheet.

Write the following on the board:
What's the weather going to be like in ............... this weekend?

Choose a city from the weather map on the worksheet and write it in the gap.

Review the use of 'be going to' and weather verbs, nouns, and adjectives used in the three structures on the worksheet. Then have the students answer the question using the three 'be going to' structures.

Examples:
It's going to be rainy.
It's going to rain.
There's going to be rain.

Repeat this process with other cities on the map.

Next, tell the students that they are going to create a weather report, but first they are going to read an example. Have the students read the weather report alone and then go through it together as a class.

After that, give each student a copy of the second worksheet and divide the students into pairs.

The students then practice asking and answering questions about what the weather is going to be like in the various cities on the map.

Afterwards, ask the students to look at the weather map and fill in the gaps to create a weather report for Europe.

When the students have finished writing, they read their weather report to their partner and check for any mistakes.

Finally, students present their weather reports to the class. If possible, show the map on the board to make the weather reports more authentic.
A. Read the weather report.

Good evening. This is Michael Fish with the weather forecast. It's almost the weekend, and a lot of people are going away. We're going to look at the European weather forecast for Saturday.

Let's start in England. It's going to be partly cloudy in London with a high of 11 degrees Celsius. Paris is also going to see similar weather conditions. The rest of France is going to be warm and sunny with temperatures of 19 degrees Celsius in Bordeaux and 17 in Marseille. There is also going to be sunny weather in Italy. The temperature in Rome is going to be about 17 degrees Celsius.

What about the rest of Europe? Well, it isn't going to rain, but it's going to be cold. It's going to be cold and mostly sunny in Warsaw with a temperature of 7 degrees Celsius. Stockholm is also going to be very cold with a high of 6 degrees Celsius.
B. Look at the weather forecast above. In pairs, ask and answer questions about what the weather is going to be like in the various cities.

Example:  A: What's the weather going to be like in Moscow?
         B: There's going to be rain with a temperature of 18 degrees Celsius.

C. Working alone, look at the weather forecast above and fill in the gaps to create a weather report for Europe.

Good evening. This is .................. with the European weather forecast for ..............

Let's start in .................. It's going to be ........................ in .................. with a high of ........................ degrees Celsius. .................. is also going to see similar weather conditions. .................. is going to be .................. and .................. with temperatures of ........................ degrees Celsius in .................. and .................. in .................. There is also going to be .................. weather in .................. The temperature in .................. is going to be about .................. degrees Celsius.

What about the rest of Europe? Well, it isn't going to ........................, but it's going to be ........................ It's going to be .................. and .................. in .................. with a temperature of ........................ degrees Celsius. .................. is also going to be .................. with a high of ........................ degrees Celsius.

D. Now, read your weather report to your partner and together check for any mistakes.