

Seasons

WebQuest Description: This project is about seasons in different countries. Students are going to write an information report about the weather changes in a country.

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Introduction

Do you like a cold winter or a warm winter? Do you want a white Christmas? Where do you like to go to in the Christmas holiday? Beijing? Thailand? Tokyo?

Your parents are going to travel to another country with you in the coming Christmas holiday. They haven't decided where to go yet. They need your help. You can find out the weather changes in some countries and suggest a place to spend your holiday. Can you help?

Tasks

You need to write an information report about a destination to visit, Beijing, Bangkok or Tokyo and suggest the best time to visit the city. You are going to search information about the city, e.g. the weather, scenic spots to visit, food and drinks to eat, activities and clothing of the city that you would like to go with your parents in the Christmas holiday.

Process

Activity 1: What is an information report? Work in groups of 4 to 5 to read samples of information report (Select 'Information Report' and read example 1-6) and pay attention to the special features.

Activity 2: Learn the language use in writing an information report. When writing the report, we usually use comparatives to compare the weather in different cities. Also we usually use gerund to describe the activities. Read the information.

Activity 3: Searching information. Choose a destination: - Beijing, China - Tokyo, Japan - Bangkok, Thailand. Find the basic information. Each group member reads a piece of information (e.g. no. of distinct seasons, weather, temperature, rainfall, activities, food and drink, etc.) about the chosen place. Then find the basic information about the place and fill in the table (Resource 1).

Beijing Weather - Four Seasons <http://www.travelchinaguide.com/cityguides/beijing/when-to-go.htm>

Beijing Climate and places to go <http://www.sinohotelguide.com/travel/aboutbeijing/general/climate.php>

Beijing Climate http://www.tour-beijing.com/beijing_climate/

Weather Information for Beijing <http://www.worldweather.org/001/c00237.htm>

General Information about the weather in Beijing http://www.bbc.co.uk/weather/world/city_guides/results.shtml?tt=TT002100

Tokyo Weather and Climate http://www.tokyo.world-guides.com/tokyo_weather.html

Tokyo Weather and When to Go <http://www.tripadvisor.com/Travel-g298184-s208/Tokyo:Japan:Weather.And.When.To.Go.html>

Japan <http://gojapan.about.com/cs/traveltools/a/whentogo.htm>

Tokyo Weather <http://www.asiarooms.com/en/travel-guide/japan/tokyo/tokyo-overview/tokyo-weather.html>

General Information about the weather in Tokyo http://www.bbc.co.uk/weather/world/city_guides/results.shtml?tt=TT002500

Bangkok Weather <http://thailandforvisitors.com/central/bangkok/general/weather.html>

Weather in Bangkok and Tourist Seasons http://www.1stopbangkok.com/about_bkk/seasons/

Bangkok Weather and general information <http://www.bangkoktravel.org.uk/travel-tips/weather-and-climate.html>

When to go and weather <http://www.lonelyplanet.com/thailand/bangkok/weather>

General information about the weather in Bangkok <http://www.worldweather.org/089/c00233.htm>

Beijing <http://www.worldweather.org/001/c00237.htm>

General Information about the weather in Beijing http://www.bbc.co.uk/weather/world/city_guides/results.shtml?tt=TT002100

Tokyo Weather and Climate http://www.tokyo.world-guides.com/tokyo_weather.html

Tokyo Weather and When to Go <http://www.tripadvisor.com/Travel-g298184-s208/Tokyo:Japan:Weather.And.When.To.Go.html>

Japan <http://gojapan.about.com/cs/traveltools/a/whentogo.htm>

Tokyo Weather <http://www.asiarooms.com/en/travel-guide/japan/tokyo/tokyo-overview/tokyo-weather.html>

General Information about the weather in Tokyo http://www.bbc.co.uk/weather/world/city_guides/results.shtml?tt=TT002500

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Activity 4: Organise the information. After reading the information from the website. Work with the group member to organize the information in the table.

Activity 5: Writing. Plan your writing - Make use of the chart to organize the introduction, content and the conclusion of the information report. Write on the worksheet. Each member needs to write one season of the chosen destination.

Activity 6: Proof reading and editing. Ask yourself the following questions before you submit your writing: Have you checked the spelling of your writing? Have you checked the tenses of your writing? Have you added any pictures in your information report?

Evaluation

Read the following about the requirement of the project. Try your best!

Other