

'Weather Watchers Around the World'

A play for assembly, by Sandra Gordon and Judith West

CHARACTERS & COSTUME SUGGESTIONS

Newsreader - suit, shirt and tie

Reporter Australia - suit / safari like suit and microphone

Australian boy- circular wide brimmed hat, half sleeve shirt, long shorts, and sunglasses

Reporter America - suit / conservative well dressed with microphone

American boy - baseball cap, long sleeved tee shirt, long shorts, skateboard, sunglasses, bum bag slung across chest containing sunscreen

Reporter China - suit / conservative well dressed with microphone

Chinese Girl - Shirt, half trousers and Chinese straw hat

Reporter Spain - suit / casual holiday shirt with microphone

Spanish girl - can be casual modern clothing - tee-shirt and longer shorts or flamingo dress, shawl and veil (mantilla)

Reporter Northern Ireland - suit / conservative well dressed with microphone

8 Northern Ireland school pupils - school uniform

Supporting Class - school uniform

NOTE: ALL REPORTERS AND THE NEWSREADER CAN HOLD SCRIPTS.

SET NOTES

Newsreader sits at a desk centre stage - front of desk shows a large label - 'Weather Watchers Around the World' or 'School's Name News Centre' - or other.

On each side of the news-desk stand 2 of the foreign reporters and interviewees teams.

Just behind the newsreader stands the reporter from Northern Ireland.

Supporting Class (remaining class members) line up behind the players towards the back of the stage.

Northern Irish boy/girl remains within the lined up class members.

Additional props - large scale map of the world with pointer can be used to indicate the countries visited.

Large scale weather forecast map, symbols and pointer.

All characters should be given appropriate names.

Optional musical 'news headlines' introduction.

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NEWSREADER

Today’s headlines, summer sunshine is on the way. This morning we ask - what should we be doing to take care in the sun?

Our reporters have travelled around the world to find some of the best ways to take care in the sun. Going straight to Australia (first name) your report please.

REPORTER AUSTRALIA

I’m here in Sydney, Australia with (full name). Hello (first name)

AUSTRALIAN BOY

Good-day mate.

REPORTER AUSTRALIA

Is it hot in Australia?

AUSTRALIAN BOY

Struth mate you could fry an egg on the street!

REPORTER AUSTRALIA

So what do you do to protect yourself in the sun?

AUSTRALIAN BOY

Oh that’s easy - Slip slap slop - slip on a tee shirt, slap on a hat, and slop on some sunscreen.

REPORTER AUSTRALIA

There you have it, Aussie know-how.

NEWSREADER

Thank you (Reporter Australia’s name), that’s some good advice from Australia, now let’s go straight to America.

REPORTER AMERICA

I’m here in New York, America with (full name). Good morning (first name).

American boy

Yo dude.

REPORTER AMERICA

So (name) summers are hot in New York?

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AMERICAN BOY

Hey man, tell me something I don’t know. This is one hot city but I am one cool dude.

REPORTER AMERICA

You say you stay cool, how do you manage that?

AMERICA BOY

I got my gear man; got the pants, the vest; wear my team on my head and my screen (pulls sunscreen out of bum-bag) and my shades.

REPORTER AMERICA

There you have it; America has it covered, back to the studio (Newsreader’s first name).

NEWSREADER

Thank you (Reporter America’s name) now we move to the Far East.

REPORTER CHINA

Welcome or as the Chinese say ‘fon ying’. I’m in Beijing, capital city of China with (full name). Hello (first name).

CHINESE GIRL

‘Way’ (Chinese for hello).

REPORTER CHINA

Tell me about summer weather in China?

CHINESE GIRL

Well its very very hot but then we get very very heavy rain.

REPORTER CHINA

So how do you cope with this weather?

CHINESE GIRL

In China we can wear a ‘saw lup’ - a straw hat, it protects my head from the sun and it keeps me dry in the rain.

Reporter China

So there you have it, that’s what’s happening in China (Newsreader’s name).

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NEWSREADER

Moving back slightly nearer to home, let's drop in on our reporter in Spain (first name) how are things with you?

REPORTER SPAIN

Hola, I am here on the sun kissed Island of Majorca with my local friend (full name). What sort of weather do you have in the summer?

SPANISH GIRL

Hola Northern Ireland! We have beautiful sunshine and lots of visitors come to our island to enjoy the sun, sea and sandy beaches.

REPORTER SPAIN

Yes I can see lots of people on the beach today but how should they protect themselves from too much sunshine?

SPANISH GIRL

They should be more like us. We leave the beach during the hottest time of the day 11am - 3pm, that's when we have our siesta.

REPORTER SPAIN

Tell me more about this siesta?

SPANISH GIRL

A siesta is our rest time. Around the middle of the day when it is very hot we stay in the shade, we have lunch and I always have a sleep.

REPORTER SPAIN

Visitors might be far away from their holiday home at siesta time, what should they do?

SPANISH GIRL

That's easy, all Spanish children know that - stay in the shade and drink lots of fruit juice and water.

REPORTER SPAIN

Thank you (name). So some advice for hot days at home and for all you lucky holidaymakers out there, now you know what to do in the sun! Adios from sunny Majorca, back to you (Newsreader's name).

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NEWSREADER

Thank you (reporter Spain first name) and thanks to all our reporters across the world. Now we stay at home for our next report from Northern Ireland. (Reporter's first name) where are you today?

REPORTER NORTHERN IRELAND

I'm here in (..... Primary School) with (pupil's name) where we want to find out how children in Northern Ireland protect themselves in the sun. So (first name) what do you think about the sun in Northern Ireland?

PUPIL 1

What sun? We don't have a sun!

SUPPORTING CLASS

OH YES WE DO! (together)

REPORTER NORTHERN IRELAND

Well there seems to be a difference of opinion. On to another question. (pupils first name) what protection do we need in the sun?

PUPIL 1

I don't need sun protection.

SUPPORTING CLASS

OH YES YOU DO! (together)

REPORTER NORTHERN IRELAND

OK so maybe there is someone else who has a different opinion.

PUPIL 2

The Spanish girl was right on – we should stay in the shade and have a cool drink in the middle of the day.

PUPIL 3

Yeh that's right and in China they wear a hat to keep the sun of their faces and their heads protected.

PUPIL 4

The American dude wore sunscreen and sunglasses.

PUPIL 5

The Australian boy had some sort of slogan that reminded him of all the important things we need to do to take care in the sun. What was it again?

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SUPPORTING CLASS

SLIP, SLAP, SLOP (together)

REPORTER NI

Does anyone remember what that means?

PUPIL 6

Slip on a T-shirt!

PUPIL 7

Slap on a hat!

PUPIL 8

Slop on some sunscreen!

REPORTER NI

Well it looks as ifPrimary School has definitely learned something today!

SUPPORTING CLASS

TAKE CARE IN THE SUN! (together)

Extensions

Teachers may wish to use countries other than those chosen in the supplied play format. It may be preferable to feature a report from a country the children are learning about or perhaps a child from a different ethnic background would enjoy adding details about his / her country.

If the school operates a Care in the Sun policy or practices sun safety you may wish to include these details.

