

RADIO RAM – English zone (Strefa Angielskiego) Episode 4

Terry: Apart from a good location and good company, what else is important when going on holiday?

Nick: Definitely the weather.

Terry: So, I suppose you are always hoping for clear skies, **glorious sunshine** and a **gentle summer breeze**.

Nick: Well, of course – everyone would hope for that, but it isn't guaranteed. I remember going to Łeba one year and it rained 6 days out of 7 - Real disaster.

Terry: Oh, but perhaps it was just light rain – you know, **drizzle**?

Nick: No, it was **lashing it down** most of the time.

Terry: OK, but since you're English, surely it wasn't that bad – I mean, we are used to it, right?

Nick: OK, but nobody would wish for rain on holiday. You can't lie on the beach, go out for long or enjoy yourself much.

Terry: Did you see anything there?

Nick: I got the famous 'moving sand dunes' although it was **overcast/cloudy** with **showers** most of the day, but the rain was quite warm.

Terry: So, a bit like an English holiday.

Nick: Yes, warm rain is typical of British summertime. Have you experienced any extreme weather on holiday?

Terry: Yes, once I went to Biała lake near Augustów, not too far from the Lithuanian border. It's a beautiful place and has very clear water. I decided to go out on a kayak

Nick: Not 'swim' on a Kayak?

Terry: No, people and animals swim, but boats, yachts, kayaks etc... simply 'go'. So, anyway, I went out to the middle of the lake and then a thunderstorm (burza) suddenly affected the area with loud, booming **thunder** and frequent **lightening** that looked like it was getting closer to the water. I think I **paddled** faster than ever before to get back on dry land.

Nick: Sounds exciting, but it probably wasn't.

Terry: It was scary. So what do you suggest doing when you go on holiday and the weather is bad?

Nick: There are two options: unplanned and planned.

Terry: Go on...

Nick: Unplanned usually involves drinking beer and using the internet and hoping you have some films on your laptop –which is OK for a day, but not for a week.

Terry: And planned?

Nick: Books and **boardgames**, like Monopoly.

Terry: But, surely, that could get boring after a week?

Nick: True, so the best thing to do is mix the unplanned with the planned – one day unplanned, one day planned.

Terry: IF you are not at work or having to pay bills, it still sounds like a good time!

Let's sum up:

The sun can be **glorious** - meaning, wonderful

Rain can be light – drizzle

Rain can lash down – this means to be heavy - we say "it was lashing it down"

Rain can fall for a short period – we call this a shower

Another word for cloudy is overcast

In a storm: you **hear thunder** and you see **lightening**

In bad weather, you can play a **boardgame** – **gry planszowe**

