

Tekst 9

The Great British Weather

SIR – Having read your article on economics and religion (“Holy relevance”, October 29th), I'd like to propose the weather as a historical indicator of a nation's 39 and prosperity.

If Britain enjoyed warm temperatures and 300 days of sun a year, would its people so easily accept enclosing themselves in a workshop, factory or office for eight or so hours every weekday, even if it led to increased prosperity? Isn't life too short not to be enjoyed?

If the Greeks woke up four days out of five to find the sun was nowhere to be seen, with rain and wind more than probable, would they still opt for leisurely lunches on patios, noontime naps and short working days? One may as well stay inside and work, there's little else to do.

How would these two countries' economic destinies be different today had they gone through history with the other's weather patterns?

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- 1p 39 Which of the following fits the gap in the first sentence?
- A domestic policy
 - B international status
 - C political position
 - D quality of life
 - E work ethic
- 1p 40 How can the tone of this letter be characterised best?
- A condescending
 - B contemptuous
 - C defensive
 - D optimistic
 - E tongue-in-cheek

Bronvermelding

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