

Language development: from five years to adult

Transcript of Lizzie (16 years old) recounting a set of text messages from her cousin (22 years old) who's been living in Dubai for 6 months

(He texted . . .)

"I miss clouds; I miss rain; I miss the cold, like. I was like, crazy person over here – I guess."

He's going to be so tanned though like ... He sends me snapchats like "swimming" or "just off for a swim", "taxi life", "aeroplane life" and he's in like, suits and they're like... ugh ... "school, rain, yay". He's like "sun, sun, sun" and I'm like "cloud, cloud, cloud" cos I'm freezing and he's like "it's "lovely 29 degrees, only in Dubai" and it's like "it's a lovely 2 degrees here".

He's like "oh! Sucks To Be You!" and

I'm like, "Yes it really does, sometimes, but at least I'm with my fam and friends" and he was like "yeah, I miss my fam, but I have friends".

I was like "yeah, whatever you say ... whatever helps you".