



"Everybody talks about the weather, but nobody does anything about it." (C.D. Warner)

## CARDIFF

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José Cruz: So you went to Cardiff. (Yup)  
How was that?

Karen Ban: I really liked the city, yeah.  
Cardiff City. (Mm hmm) People are really lovely. And the weather- normally people say that British weather is awful, but for me it was really good. It's not too hot, and not too cold maybe.

José: OK I would say today is like really cloudy and grey. (Yeah) What do you- what do you call this weather? This is good, or this is grey and cloudy?

Karen: Uh normal, like not too bad.

José: OK so I guess that's why there- that makes sense why you thought Cardiff weather wasn't, was- wasn't awful. Uh because that's what I hear. I've never been to Britain but (Oh) that's what I hear. British weather is so terrible. (Aww) Have you ever been to Vancouver? (No) OK because British people love Vancouver (Mm) because it's so similar to British weather. (Really) Well when I lived there, there's climate change now, but when I lived there, um British people go "We love it here. It's just so

lovely and so similar to British weather" And and I thought, OK, so I guess this is what British weather is like. Anyway so keep going. So you loved it. The weather was nice.

Karen: And the food! Japan- many Japanese say that British weather is just terrible, but it was really nice, and then I always like to eat, so I always think. (Japanese food) No no British food.

José: Oh I thought (Sorry sorry) you said like there was great Japanese food **in in in** Cardiff. (No) Oh OK. (No British food) Really? (Yeah) Because there were two things that people usually complain about (What) when it comes to Britain. One is the weather. two is the food.

Karen: Yeah but I thought maybe that was like, when you go to the pub, there's a wri- many like ketchup, mustard (Co- condiments) Yeah condiments. and then maybe many people don't- from foreign countries don't use that ketchup or condiments, maybe? So that's why- (Maybe) because without those condiments there's no taste (I- That's why, partially, I think.

José: Could- could be. Could be, um.  
(Yeah) Good food tho' (He he)  
shouldn't need condiments.

José: Exactly. Exactly!

Karen: Ah right. That's true.

José: If you're making a good steak. You  
don't want to put ketchup on the  
steak. (Yeah) That's- if if if your father  
made you a really good meal, (Mm)  
and then you put ketchup all over his  
food...

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416	2:26	170.96

Karen: Ha ha that's rude a bit.

Pointers:

Karen was in Britain for only a year but she very quickly adopted a British accent.

**in in in:** an example of repeating as opposed to using filler words (1:23)

Discussion:

What do you know about Wales?

What kind of weather do you consider to be good? What kind of weather do you hate?

Do you like to put a lot of condiments on your food?

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