DRESS ACCORDINGLY

Waking up before the sun rises always brings about the uncertainty of what the day’s weather will be like, so you go to a trusted source. The weatherman. A person the public can look to for information regarding all things weather related. After all, they are scientists (meteorologists) on television. But, sometimes, the weather deviates from the plan.

Each day, before going to work, you go over the possible scenarios of what could happen if you dress to accordingly the forecast.

Today just happens to be the day you have to give a presentation...

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Doesn’t seem like it’ll be that warm today; I can get away with a sweater. After all, the weatherman did say it was going to be partly cloudy, so no sunshine should help the sweater decision. Plus, what if the temp is closer to the 40/50 degree low? I don’t want to be freezing when I walk four blocks to my presentation down the street.

Scenario 1: Halfway through the workday the sun breaks through the clouds and it quickly reaches the predicted high of mid 70s.

Next thing you know you’re walking to the meeting, and that quick-paced walk to the office down the street (cause you’re late... per usual) gives way to a healthy sweat.

No chance you’re going to win over the audience in that presentation, which you’re already nervous to begin with because you don’t completely know the material. Sweat bolstering from your forehead due to the lethal combination of heat and nerves is not a good combination.

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The weatherman has been predicting the same forecast all week and it has been nothing but beautiful outside. I’ll be sure to dress accordingly. Gotta look good for the presentation anyways.
Scenario 2: It’s time to walk over for the presentation. You noticed that the office did seem a little colder than usual, probably because they have the air conditioning on.

As you start walking, clouds form. Temperature drops. Rain starts falling.

You start sprinting down the sidewalk. Trying to dodge raindrops and puddles.

You’re unsuccessful and then out of breath.

Never mind that you’re shivering and soaking wet when you walk into your presentation, but to make matters that much worse, the hard drive that has the power point on it is fried. It got wet.

You stand in front of the room trying to give the presentation from memory, but are continuously tripped up by the thought that everyone can see through your soaking wet shirt.

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Dad did always like to tell me that it’s better to overdress because you can always take something off, but you can’t put anything on if you don’t have it. Makes sense. I guess I’ll bring the raincoat just in case, and if it gets too warm out, then I’ll just take it off.

Scenario 3: You see the sun is out as you pack up your things to head over to give the presentation, but ominous looking clouds compel you to throw on the rain gear.

You’re prepared.

Temperature drops and clouds rush in like the weatherman predicted.

You’re prepared.

No, the temperature really drops.

Rain starts falling, but it doesn’t faze you because you’re prepared.

The weather outside becomes an after thought and you begin to focus on the key points of your presenta---
It starts hailing.

With your head on a swivel, you look for cover but no such luck. You decided to power through and start a beeline for your destination.
Two to three pellets hit you every stride that you take.

*You’ve got to be kidding me! This wasn’t in the forecast.*

Whispers and murmurs from the crowd about the swelling on your body dominate the room as you deliver your presentation.

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After playing each scenario over in your head, you come to the conclusion that you’re not going to trust a random person on the television.

*I’ll just see what my iPhone’s weather app says...*