Summertime

Introduction

Summer is the third season of the year following winter and spring. It is known as a season of warm weather, with opportunities for travel, outdoor adventures, and relaxation for people living in many countries around the world.

When we think of summer, we often dream of long days at the beach, walks in the sun, or vacations with friends and family. We also think of summer's challenges like heatwaves and busy travel schedules.

Use the following vocabulary list to help answer questions about your personal experiences, cultural traditions, and opinions about this exciting season.

Vocabulary List

- Staycation A vacation spent at home or close to home, exploring nearby attractions rather than traveling to a different city or country.
- Routine A series of activities repeated often, like a daily routine.
- Childhood The period of time when someone is still a child.
- Heatwave A long period of extremely hot weather. It may be accompanied by excessive humidity.
- Adventure An unusual, exciting, and often hazardous experience or activity.
- Internship A temporary position, often undertaken by students, to gain practical work experience in a specific field.

Discussion Questions

1. What was your favourite thing about this summer, and why?
2. Describe a typical summer day in your home country. What do people usually do?
3. What kind of clothes do people generally wear in the summer in your home country?
4. How is summer different from the other seasons in your part of the world?
5. What's the best summer vacation you've ever had, and what made it so special?
6. What are some popular summer foods and drinks in your culture?
7. Do you have any favourite summertime drinks or juices?
8. Do you prefer spending your summer at the beach, in the mountains, or in a city? Do you have another preference? Explain your choice or choices.
9. Which of the following outdoor activities do you enjoy most during the summer?

Hiking	Swimming	Cycling	Tennis	Gardening
Camping	Golfing	Taking a Road Trip	Having a BBQ	Fishing

10. Imagine you have a three-month summer vacation. How would you plan your time? Would you travel, work, or relax? How much would you spend? Who would you bring with you?

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11. Have you ever tried a new hobby during the summer? If so, what was it, and did you enjoy it?
12. Imagine you are a university student. Discuss the pros and cons of having a summer job or internship.
13. What would you do to stay cool during a heatwave? How do you deal with very humid weather?
14. Discuss the concept of a "staycation." What are the advantages and disadvantages of staying home for a holiday?
15. What are some environmental issues that are more prominent during the summer?
16. Do you believe that climate change is affecting the summers in your region?
17. What is your most memorable summer memory from childhood?
18. If you could travel anywhere in the world next summer, where would you go, and with whom?
19. What are you most likely to do on a summertime weekend?
20. In your opinion, is summer the best season for making new friends or trying new things? Why or why not?
21. Do you think summer is a time for rest and relaxation, or is it a time to be productive? Explain your reasoning.
22. Compare summer vacations before and after having children. Which are the best and why?

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