



Summertime

Conversation > Intermediate 4



Exercise 1 – Vocabulary

summertime	The part of the year when it is summer.
[noun]	<i>Ex: I love going to the beach during summertime.</i>

barbeque	An outdoor meal in which food is cooked over a fire; a metal frame that goes over a fire.
[noun]	<i>Ex: I like having a barbeque and drinking with my friends.</i>

picnic	To take food and eat it outdoors, especially in the countryside.
[noun]	<i>Ex: The park is a nice place to have a picnic.</i>



envy	Desire to have a quality, possession, or other thing belonging to someone else.
[verb]	<i>Ex: He envied people who did not have to work at the weekends.</i>

seldom	Not very often.
[adverb]	<i>Ex: It seldom rains in the desert.</i>

fire	The state of burning that produces flames that send out heat and light.
[noun]	<i>Ex: Animals are usually afraid of fire.</i>



Exercise 2 – Dialogue

Choose one character and read the dialogue aloud with your tutor.

Grace: What do you like to do during the summertime?

David: I like to go out of town with my family. How about you?

Grace: I like going to the beach. What do you do with your family?

David: We often go on picnics and have a barbeque over an open fire. Do you like barbeques?

Grace: I didn't try it yet. I seldom go on picnics, but I'd love to try.



David: You should! Now, I'm hungry. What do you usually do when you're at the beach?

Grace: I love swimming. It helps me relax.

David: I envy you. I cannot swim.

Grace: I can teach you how to swim after you treat me to a barbeque.

David: That's a good deal.



Exercise 3 – Fill in the Blanks

Choose the correct answers from the answer pool below and fill in the blanks.

Answer Pool

fire

seldom

summertime

barbeque

picnic

envy

1. Let's go to the park today and have a _____.
2. Is it _____ yet?
3. We had a _____ in our front yard.
4. He is studying for his exams and _____ takes a break.
5. Do you know how to cook on an open _____?
6. I _____ my brother. He is so smart.



Exercise 4 – Role Play

Take turns with your tutor and act out the scene described below.

Scene: You are back from summer vacation, tell your friend Megan what you did during the summertime. The teacher can be Megan.



Exercise 5 – Discussion

Discuss the following questions with your tutor.

1. What do you like doing during the summertime?
2. Where is the best place in your country to go during summer? Why?
3. Are there any summer festivals in your hometown? Do you enjoy them?
4. What kind of food do you prefer eating during the summer? Why?
5. What do you usually wear in the summer?