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Seasons



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Georgie

Hi, Neil. How are you today?

Neil

Hi, Georgie. I'm very well, actually. I'm really happy today because the Sun is shining, and it's warm, and it seems like it's been a long time since we had such nice sunny weather.

Georgie

I know, the changing of the seasons is so wonderful, and actually, that's what we're talking about today. Today we're going to talk about the seasons and the different types of weather we get in the UK.

Neil

Yes. So in the UK we, our seasons are roughly like this. So March, April, May those are the spring seasons. Then we move into summer, which is June, July and August. Autumn, that's September, October, November. And then we're into winter for December, January, February.

Georgie

Yeah. More or less. Approximately. Yeah. So, Neil, what is your favourite season?

Neil

Well, you can probably guess because I'm so happy that it's spring and summer combined. So anything with long late nights and evenings I love.

Georgie

What else is good about summer?

Neil

In the summer, you can be outside. You can go swimming in the sea. You can stay up late and you have wonderful light in the UK. What's your favourite season then, Georgie?

Georgie

Well, I'm a big fan of the seasons, the transition seasons. So I really like spring and autumn, especially spring. Right now we're in spring in the UK, and you can see everyone looking happier because we've had a really long, hard, dark, cold winter and everyone is smiling now because there are blossoms on the trees which make me so happy. I love seeing pink blossoms on the trees. The days are warmer and, yeah, there's this sense of a transition. Same with autumn. Although you're leaving the summer months, I really love the colours on the trees as well. Especially those cooler, crisp days when the sky is blue and the leaves are orange and brown. I love that.

Neil

Wow. You're making me look forward to autumn, and it's not even summer yet. Is there a season that you don't like?

Georgie

I do like all the seasons. I like to have balance, so I wouldn't like to have summer all year round, but I think, winter is my least favourite because of the dark days. In the UK I think it's particularly hard because, especially January and February, it's really cold and there's nothing really to get us through the the sad times.

Neil

I know exactly what you mean.

Georgie

There are good things about winter, but mostly it's just difficult, isn't it?

Neil

I agree. It's the dark. I can't stand it.

Georgie

Yeah. So, as I said, I quite like having the balance of different seasons throughout the year. I like to have transitions and changes. What about you, Neil? How do you feel about about that?

Neil

Yeah, I think I agree. I mean, it would be nice to have a shorter winter, but I think I would still prefer to have different seasons because, like I said, I really like the late light evenings in the summer. And I think even though I hate the dark winters, I would really miss that if the weather was nice all year, but got dark at the same time, like at six or seven o'clock.

Georgie

OK, let's recap the language we heard in the conversation. We learned different ways to talk about the seasons. For example, looking forward to that means you're excited for something to happen in the future.

Neil

That's right. So I'm really looking forward to the warm, light, sunny evenings in the summer.

Georgie

We heard to be a big fan of that means that you really like something. For example, I'm a big fan of spring and autumn.

Neil

Yes, Georgie is a big fan of the transition seasons. I'm not such a big fan of winter, though. I, actually, I can't stand it, which means that I really hate it.

Georgie

Thanks for listening to Real Easy English. We've talked about the seasons in the UK, but the seasons are different all around the world. What are the seasons like where you live? Email us at learningenglish@bbc.co.uk. We always like to hear from you.

Neil

In the next episode, we talk about what life was like when we were children. Join us then. Goodbye.

Georgie

Bye.