

It's Summertime!

Exercise 1

Vocabulary

summertime

Noun

/ˈsʌmərtʰaɪm/ the part of the year when it is summer

I love going to the beach during **summertime**.

barbeque

Noun

/ˈbɑːrbəˌkjuː/

an outdoor meal in which food is cooked over a fire; a metal frame that goes over a fire

I like having a **barbeque** and drinking with my friends.

picnic

Noun

/ˈpɪknɪk/ to take food and eat it outdoors, especially in the countryside

The park is a nice place to have a **picnic**.

beach

Noun

/biːtʃ/ a sandy area by the sea

We took a walk on the **beach** at sunset.

seldom

Adverb

/ˈsɛldəm/ not very often

It **seldom** rains in the desert.

Exercise 2

Dialogue Practice

Read the dialogue aloud with your teacher.

Grace and Matt are talking about summer activities.

Grace



What do you like to do during the summertime?

Matt



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?

Matt



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

Grace



I haven't tried it yet because I seldom go on picnics, but I'd love to try.

Matt



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.

Matt



I envy you. I cannot swim.

Grace



I will teach you how to swim after you treat me to a barbeque.

Matt



That's a good deal.

Check your understanding:

1. What does Matt like to do during summer?
2. What makes Grace feel relaxed?
3. What kind of deal did they make?

Exercise 3

Listening Comprehension

Listen to your teacher read the text then choose the correct answers to the questions.

1. What are Paul and Carol dreaming about?

- A. They are dreaming about surfing in Hawaii.
- B. They are dreaming about nice weather.

2. How does Paul like to spend his spare time during the summer?

- A. He likes going to the beach.
- B. He likes spending time in nature and hiking.

3. How does Carol spend her time during the summertime?

- A. Carol likes going to the pool and going on picnics with her friends.
- B. Her favorite activity is flying a kite.

4. What is Paul and Carol's favorite season?

- A. Their favorite season is the spring.
- B. Paul and Carol's favorite season is the summer.

Exercise 4

Role Play

Role-play the following situation with your teacher.

Situation

- You are back from summer vacation.
- Tell your teacher what you have done during the summertime.

Exercise 5

Discussion

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?
6. When was the last time you spent the summer with your family?