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## Summer

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One minute a day is all you need to improve your listening skills.  
Focus on new words, grammar and pronunciation in this short text.  
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Listen many times – enough for you to you understand everything.

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## THE LISTENING TAPESCRIPT

From: <http://www.listenAminute.com/s/summer.html>

The best thing about living in a country that has four seasons is summer. Everyone looks forward to it. Summer is a time when we have picnics in the park and the sky is always blue. I go to the beach a lot in the summer and go hiking. It can never get too hot. I live in a country where summers are nice. I'm not sure if I could live somewhere where summers are unbearable. I like shopping for summer clothes. I usually wait until autumn when summer clothes are on sale. They're not really in fashion for the next summer, but I don't care. One thing I don't understand about summer is summer holidays. Everyone I know goes to a warm country in the summer. That's crazy. It's warm here. Why not go to a warm country in the winter?



## LISTENING GAP FILL

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## UNJUMBLE THE WORDS

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 **DISCUSSION** (Write your own questions)

**STUDENT A's QUESTIONS** (Do not show these to student B)

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2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_

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 **DISCUSSION** (Write your own questions)

**STUDENT B's QUESTIONS** (Do not show these to student A)

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
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# STUDENT SUMMER SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about summer in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper.  
When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.





## **HOMEWORK**

**1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION:** Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

**2. INTERNET INFO:** Search the Internet and find more information about summer. Talk about what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

**3. MAGAZINE ARTICLE:** Write a magazine article about summer. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

**4. SUMMER POSTER** Make a poster about summer. Show it to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your posters.

**5. MY SUMMER LESSON:** Make your own English lesson on summer. Make sure there is a good mix of things to do. Find some good online activities. Teach the class / another group when you have finished.

**6. ONLINE SHARING:** Use your blog, wiki, Facebook page, MySpace page, Twitter stream, Del-icio-us / StumbleUpon account, or any other social media tool to get opinions on summer. Share your findings with the class.

