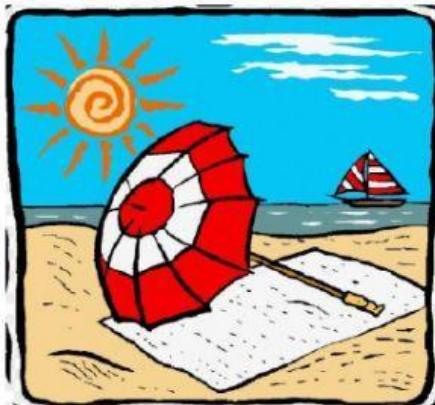


All about ...

summer

Summer is a season. There are four seasons in the year. Summer comes between spring and autumn. In the northern hemisphere, the summer months are: June, July and August.



Summer is the hottest season. In summer, the temperature rises, the sun shines more and the days are longer. That means there are more daylight hours. Schools and universities have a long break in the summer and most people take their holiday. Many people go abroad. For northern Europeans, Spain and Greece are popular holiday destinations. The beaches and the weather are perfect! People spend more time outside, going to the beach or visiting parks or just sitting in their gardens. Flowers and plants bloom. You can hear the birds singing and the bees buzzing. Many people say that summer is their favourite season. The summer solstice is on June 21st. That is the day when there is the most sunlight - the longest day of the year.

Say if the following sentences are true or false. Correct the false ones:

- a. Summer comes between winter and spring. **T/F**
- b. In the southern hemisphere, the summer months are: June, July and August. **T/F**
- c. Summer is the hottest season. **T/F**
- d. In summer, there is more daylight. **T/F**
- e. Schools and universities do not close during summer. **T/F**
- f. Nobody takes their holiday. **T/F**
- g. Popular countries to go to for sea, sand and sunshine are Spain and Greece. **T/F**
- h. People stay indoors. **T/F**
- i. Flowers and plants are in bloom. **T/F**
- j. Many people love summer. **T/F**

Answer the following questions in full sentences:

1. Which season does summer follow? _____
2. In the northern hemisphere, what are the summer months? _____
3. What happens to the temperature in summer? _____
4. Do schools and universities stay open? _____
5. Why are Spain and Greece popular holiday destinations? _____
6. Where do people spend more time? _____
7. What can you see and hear? _____
8. Which is the longest day of the year? _____

>Do you like summer? What is your favourite season? Why?

Vocabulary: Travelling by Train or Bus

Read the words in the box carefully and then match them with the pictures:

tunnel buffet car miss bus/train luggage hold express train bus/train fare
 timetable railway catch a train single/return platform ticket inspector tunnel



Complete the sentences: After understanding the words on the box above, use them to complete the following sentences:

- I really must hurry because I am going to catch a train to London at 5.30.
- The place where your big suitcases are kept on a bus or train is called luggage hold.
- If you are late, you will miss a train or bus.
- Where a train runs is called a railway.
- To know the times when a train or bus leaves or arrives, you need a timetable.
- The person who checks tickets on a train is called ticket inspector.
- A platform is where you stand and wait for a train.
- When you buy a ticket, you must say whether you want a single or return.
- A train or bus fare is the amount of money you pay to use it.
- An express train travels quickly with a few stops.

Discussion: How many of these words are new to you? Will you be using them?

Reading Comprehension: Aisha's Trip to the Supermarket

Read the following passage and then complete both tasks below:



This is my best friend, Aisha. She is out shopping at the local supermarket. She has lots to buy, so she is pushing a shopping **trolley**. Her husband doesn't like shopping, that is why he stayed home with the children. As she didn't want to be late, Aisha started shopping immediately. The supermarket was quiet as there were very few customers. First, she went to the **bakery section** and picked up some fresh bread, cakes and cupcakes. She then walked down the **cereal aisle** because she needed some cornflakes and porridge for breakfast. Aisha walked over to the **poultry** department and picked up a chicken and some chicken breasts. Her son Ahmed wanted chicken sandwiches for lunch and a chicken curry for dinner. The **dairy** counter was huge and full of fresh products. She picked up some butter, milk and yoghurt. She made sure she read all the **best before dates** before putting what she needed in the trolley. Aisha doesn't like canned food and prefers buying **fresh** fruit and vegetables. At the checkout, the cashier scanned all the **barcodes** and gave her a **receipt** after she paid for the shopping.

Answer the following in full sentences:

1. Where is Aisha? _____
2. What is she pushing? _____
3. Where can you find bread? _____
4. Who wanted chicken curry for dinner? _____
5. Does Aisha like canned food? _____

Circle (True) or (False). And then correct all mistakes:

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| 1. Aisha's husband likes going to the supermarket. | True | False |
| 2. The supermarket was full of people. | True | False |
| 3. She first went to the bakery section. | True | False |
| 4. Her family likes eating chicken. | True | False |
| 5. She bought cream from the dairy counter. | True | False |
| 6. The cashier gave her a receipt. | True | False |

Discussion: How often do you go to the supermarket? Do you like it? Why/ Why not?