

Woman: Oh, hello. I work for a children's magazine and I'm writing something about children and the different times of the year. Would you like to answer some questions for me?

Boy: Well, yes, if I can.

Woman: Thank you. OK, first, can you give me your name, please?

Boy: Yes, of course. It's Ben - Ben Perry. And that's P-E double-R-Y. [pause]

Can you see the answer? Now you listen and write.

[pause]

Woman: Right. Thank you, Ben. Now, when's your birthday? I mean, which month?

Boy: My birthday? Why?

Woman: It's interesting. People usually like their birthday month.

Boy: Do they? Well, I don't like mine very much. It's November.

Woman: Oh, right. Let me write that here. Now perhaps you can tell me the month you like best. Which is your favourite month?

Boy: Mmm ... I prefer May, I think. Yes, it's lovely then. It's warm and sunny and we often go swimming.

Woman: OK, fine. Now, which month is the worst?

What about January?

Boy: Well, I don't like it very much - but the month I hate is February. It's always cold and it rains a lot so we can't play outside very often.

Woman: But in some countries it's warm and sunny then, you know.

Boy: Yes, I know! But not here!

Woman: Now, do you usually have a holiday in the summer, Ben?

Boy: No. All my friends do, but my dad has to work then. So we have our holiday later, in the autumn.

Woman: Ah, I see. And where do you go?

Boy: We always go to the same place. It's called Cumblin.

Woman: Oh. Can you spell that for me, please?

Boy: Yes. It's C-U-M-B-L-I-N-E. It's a lovely place, with lakes and a forest.

Woman: Well, thank you, Ben. That's all.