

Times we love

1 VOCABULARY & PRONUNCIATION the date

a Number the months 1–6.

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| ☐ April | ☐ June |
| ☐ February | ☐ March |
| ☐ January | ☐ May |

b ➤ **Vocabulary Bank** *The weather and dates.* Do part 2.

 **Ordinal numbers** *first, fourth, etc.*
 Some ordinal numbers can be difficult to say because they end in two or more consonant sounds, e.g., *sixth* /sɪksθ/.

c))) Listen and repeat the ordinal numbers. Then practice saying them.
 fifth sixth eighth twelfth

d))) How do you say these dates? Listen and check.

3/1 11/2 5/3 6/4
 1/5 7/6 9/12 10/17
 8/20 2/23 4/28 12/31

e Listen again and repeat the dates. Copy the rhythm.

f What days are holidays in your country?

g Ask the other students in your class *When's your birthday?* Does anyone have the same (or nearly the same) birthday as you?

2 READING

a Read the first part of the text. What's special about the third Monday in January and the third Friday in June?

Favorite Times

The third Monday in January is the most depressing day of the year, says psychologist Dr. Cliff Arnall, who calls it Blue Monday. Why? Because it's winter, the weather is usually gray and cold, the days are dark, and Monday is the first day of the working week. People are also often short of money after the holidays, and some people feel bad after breaking their New Year resolutions. And the happiest day of the year? "The third Friday in June," says Dr. Arnall. And it's easy to see why – it's summer, it's warm outside, the evenings are light, and the weekend starts now!

We asked our readers about the days and times during the year that make them feel good.

- 1 What's your favorite time of day? Why?
- 2 What's your favorite day of the week? Why?
- 3 What's your favorite month? Why?
- 4 What's your favorite season? Why?
- 5 What's your favorite holiday? Why?

b Read the questions and Joe's and Rose's answers and complete them with phrases a–f.

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|---------------------------|----------------------|
| a every week is different | d I love cooking |
| b I like making plans | e the days are long |
| c I hate getting up early | f I like being awake |

c Look at the **highlighted** words and phrases and guess their meaning.





Joe 24

- Ten thirty at night. Because it's the time of day when I can really relax.
- Saturday. Because ¹ _____ during the week, and Saturday is the first day when I can **stay in bed** until 12 if I want!
- August. Because my birthday is in August and I'm usually on vacation.
- The summer. Because the weather's good, ² _____, and people are **in a good mood**.
- January 1st. Because it's the start of a new year, and ³ _____.

Rose 35

- Early morning. Because ⁴ _____ when other people are **asleep**, and the light is beautiful.
- It depends. Because ⁵ _____!
- May. Because the world is pale green, and asparagus is in season!
- Fall. Because the **leaves** are red and yellow, and it's a time for a lot of wonderful fruit and vegetables. ⁶ _____!
- Fourth of July. Because I love fireworks, and I always watch them at night with my family.

asparagus



fireworks



New Year resolutions promises we make on December 31st, e.g., to eat less or exercise more in the new year
Fourth of July a holiday in July celebrating US independence

3 LISTENING

- a))) Listen to Martin answering the questions in *Favorite Times*. Complete column 1.

1 What's your favorite...?	2 Why?
time of day:	
during the week _____	_____
on the weekend _____	_____
day of the week _____	_____
month _____	_____
season _____	_____
holiday _____	_____

- b Listen again and complete column 2.

4 GRAMMAR like + (verb + -ing)

- a Complete the chart with a verb from the list.

don't like hate don't mind like love

😊😊	I _____
😊😊	I _____
😊😊	I _____
😊😊	I _____
😊😊	I _____

- b What form of the verb follows *like*, *love*, *don't mind*, and *hate*?

- c ► **Grammar Bank.** Learn more about *like + (verb + -ing)* and practice it.

5 SPEAKING & WRITING

- a Write a verb or verb phrase for each picture. Use the *-ing* form of the verb.



- b In pairs, ask and answer about each activity.

A Do you like reading? B Yes, I love it.

A What writers do you like? B I like John Grisham. What about you?

- c Interview your partner with the five questions from *Favorite Times* in 2.

- d Write an article called *My favorite times*. Add photos or drawings if you can. Use the texts in 2 as a model.

The weather and dates

VOCABULARY BANK

1 THE WEATHER

a Complete the chart with words from the list.

cloudy /'klaʊdi/ hot /hɒt/ raining /'reɪnɪŋ/
cold /kəʊld/ snowing /'snəʊɪŋ/ windy /'wɪndi/
foggy /'fɒgi/ sunny /'sʌni/

What's the weather like?			
1 	It's sunny.	5 	It's _____.
2 	It's _____.	6 	It's _____.
3 	It's _____.	7 	It's _____.
4 	It's _____.	8 	It's _____.

b))) Listen and check.



Other adjectives for temperature

warm /wɜːm/ = a nice temperature, not very hot
(opposite = cool /kuːl/)

c Cover the chart and look at the pictures. Ask and answer with a partner.

What's the weather like? It's sunny.

The four seasons

d))) Match the words and pictures. Listen and check.



spring /sprɪŋ/ fall /fɔːl/
summer /'sʌmə/ winter /'wɪntər/

e What's the weather like today? What season is it where you are?

2 THE DATE

a Complete the months. Remember to use CAPITAL letters!

January April July October
February May August November
March June September December

b))) Listen and check.

c Complete the numbers and words.

1st first /fɜːst/
2nd second /'sekənd/
3rd third /θɜːd/
4th fourth /fɔːθ/
5th fifth /fɪfθ/
6th _____ /sɪksθ/
7th _____ /'sevənθ/
_____ eighth /eɪtθ/
_____ ninth /naɪnθ/
10th _____ /tenθ/
11th _____ /ɪ'levənθ/
_____ twelfth /twelfθ/
13th _____ /θɜː'tɪnθ/
14th _____ /fɔː'tɪnθ/
_____ twentieth /'twentiθ/
21st _____ /twenti'fɜːst/
_____ twenty-second /'twenti'sekənd/
23rd _____ /twenti'θɜːd/
_____ twenty-fourth /'twenti'fɔːθ/
30th _____ /θɜː'tiθ/
_____ thirty-first /θɜː'ti'fɜːst/

d))) Listen and check.



Writing and saying the date

We write We say
March 12th March twelfth or the twelfth of March
1/22 January twenty-second or the twenty-second of January

Prepositions with years, months, and dates

Use in + years, e.g., The Rio Olympics are in 2016.
Use in + months, e.g., My birthday's in February.
Use on + dates, e.g., The meeting is on Friday, September 5th.

Saying years

1807 eighteen "oh" seven
1936 nineteen thirty-six
2008 two thousand and eight (for years 2000–2010)
2011 two thousand and eleven OR twenty eleven

e What's the date today? What's the date tomorrow?
What year is it?

GRAMMAR BANK like (+ verb + -ing)

- We use verb + -ing after like, love, don't mind, and hate.

😊😊	I love	shopping.
😊😊	I like	going to the movies.
😊😊	I don't mind	getting up early.
😊😊	I don't like	doing housework.
😞😞	I hate	driving at night.

spelling rules for the -ing form

base form	verb + -ing	spelling
cook	cooking	add -ing
study	studying	
dance	dancing	ce + -ing
shop	shopping	one vowel + one consonant = double consonant + -ing

a Write the -ing form of the verbs in the chart.

come cook dance eat get have
run sleep stop study swim write

work > working	
live > living	writing
shop > shopping	

b Write sentences about Bob with love, not like, like, not mind, or hate and a verb.

- 😊😊 in an office a computer
- 😊😊 the newspaper housework
- 😊😊 lunch at work home late
- 😊😊 tennis to the movies
- 😊😊 TV music

He loves working in an office.

- _____ 6 _____
- _____ 7 _____
- _____ 8 _____
- _____ 9 _____
- _____

