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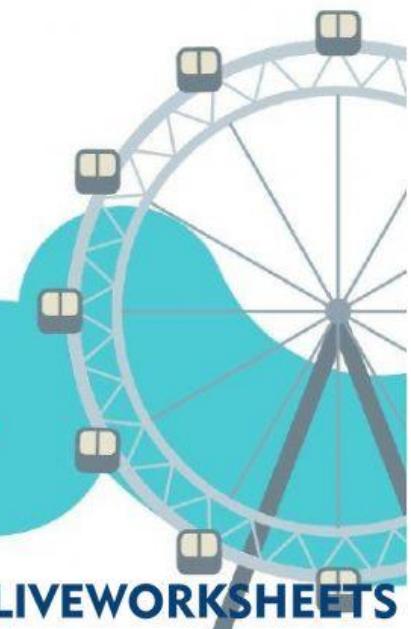


Do you like cooking?

Times we love

1. Vocabulary & Pronunciation

a. Days of the week; Check pronunciation 1.10



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b. Months of the year; Check pronunciation 3.29



c. The weather; Check pronunciation 3.8



It's sunny.



It's hot.



It's cloudy.



It's raining.



It's windy.



It's foggy.



It's cold.



It's snowing.



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d. Seasons; Check pronunciation 3.9



spring



summer



autumn



winter

e. Ordinal numbers; Check pronunciation 3.30

We normally add a TH to the end of a cardinal number to make it an ordinal number. Be careful of the spelling exceptions below:

1st first

11th eleventh

21st twenty-first

2nd second

12th twelfth

22nd twenty-second

3rd third

13th thirteenth

23rd twenty-third

4th fourth

14th fourteenth

24th twenty-fourth

5th fifth

15th fifteenth

25th twenty-fifth

6th sixth

16th sixteenth

26th twenty-sixth

7th seventh

17th seventeenth

27th twenty-seventh

8th eighth

18th eighteenth

28th twenty-eighth

9th ninth

19th nineteenth

29th twenty-ninth

10th tenth

20th twentieth

30th thirtieth

USES OF ORDINAL NUMBERS

DATES: Her birthday is on the **29th**.

CENTURIES: Shakespeare was born in the **16th** century.

SEQUENCE/ORDER: My team came **second** in the league.

FLOORS OF A BUILDING: His office is on the **tenth** floor.

31st thirty-first

40th fortieth

41st forty-first

50th fiftieth

51st fifty-first

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f. Dates

March 8th = the eighth of March / March the eighth

2. Reading

- a. Read the article; [Favourite times](#)
- b. Complete Joe's and Rose's answers with phrases a-f;
 - A. *every week is different*
 - B. *I like imagining plans*
 - C. *I hate getting up early*
 - D. *I love cooking*
 - E. *the days are long*
 - F. *I like being awake*

Favourite times



In the UK 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 grey and cold, the days are dark, and Monday is the first day of the working week. People are also often short of money after Christmas, 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 favourite time of day? Why?
- 2** What's your favourite day of the week? Why?
- 3** What's your favourite month? Why?
- 4** What's your favourite season? Why?
- 5** What's your favourite public holiday? Why?



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

Rose, 35

- 1 Early morning. Because (4) _____ when other people are **asleep**, and the light is beautiful.
- 2 It depends. Because (5) _____ !
- 3 May. Because the world is pale green, and asparagus is in season!
- 4 Autumn. Because the **leaves** are red and yellow, and it's a time for lots of wonderful fruit and vegetables.
(6) _____ !
- 5 Easter Sunday. Because I love chocolate, and I always have a lot of Easter eggs!



asparagus



Easter egg

New Year resolutions – promises we make on December 31st, e.g. to eat or drink less in the new year

Easter Sunday – an important Christian holiday in March or April

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3. Listening

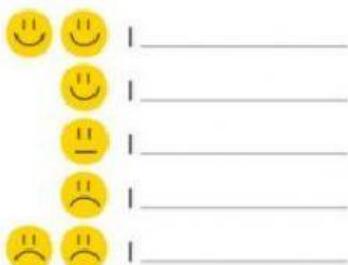
Listen to Martin answering the questions in Favourite Times and complete. 3.33

1. Martin's favourite time of day during the week is the
2. His favourite day of the week is
3. His favourite month is
4. His favourite season is
5. His favourite holiday is New Year's Eve.

4. Grammar

- a. Complete the chart with a verb from the list.
- b. What form of the verb follows like, love, hate, don't like, don't mind?
- c. like + verb-ing

don't like hate don't mind like love



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

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

spelling rules for the -ing form

infinitive	verb + -ing	spelling
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cook	cooking	add -ing
study	studying	
dance	dancing	e + -ing
shop	shopping	one vowel + one consonant = double consonant + -ing

Complete the sentences with these verbs in the correct form;

get go dance play have use read drive

1. He loves a company car.
2. He likes the newspaper.
3. He doesn't mind lunch at work.
4. He doesn't mind home late.
5. He hates to the cinema.
6. He doesn't like tennis.

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7. He likes a computer.

8. He hates

5. Speaking

- What day comes before Friday?
- What day comes after Monday?
- What day comes before Wednesday?
- What day comes after Sunday?
- What day of the week is your birthday on this year?
- What's the weather like today?
- What season is it where you are?
- What's the date today?
- What's the date tomorrow?
- What year is it?
- What dates are public holidays in your country?
- When is your birthday?
- What's your favourite time of day? Why?
- What's your favourite day of the week? Why?
- What's your favourite month? Why?
- What's your favourite season? Why?
- What's your favourite public holiday? Why?
- Do you like reading?
- Do you like cooking?
- Do you mind doing housework?
- What do you like doing at weekends?