

## Lesson 19: Summer

Hi! Welcome to the Article Discussion lesson!

Today's topic is about "**Summer.**"

Have fun learning English!

### Activity 1 | Vocabulary and Expressions

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**Directions:** Listen and repeat.

#### Vocabulary

- **tilt** – to cause to lean, incline, slope, or slant
- **axis** – a real or imaginary straight line going through the center of the object that is spinning
- **aver** – assume to be the case
- **infeasible** – not possible to do easily
- **hibernation** – state of inactivity, and metabolic depression (usually during winter)
- **quiescent** – in a state of inactivity
- **dehydration** – a condition that results when the body loses more water than it takes in
- **ephemeral** – having a very short life cycle

## Activity 2 | Article

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**Directions:** Read the article aloud with your teacher.

### Summer

As the Earth makes its annual journey around the Sun, different parts of the planet are exposed to varying amounts of sunlight. Because of the **tilt** of the Earth's **axis**, we experience different seasons throughout the year. In other words, the Earth will lean towards the Sun in summer, or lean away from the Sun during winter.

Of all four seasons, summer is the hottest one and, as many people **aver**, it provides the widest variety of outdoor, social activities that are **infeasible** when the temperatures plummet below zero. Azure skies unveil nature in all its majesty after a dormant period of **hibernation** amongst animals and **quiescent** plants during the winter season. Rebirth of nature has a colossal impact on our welfare, as it can boost energy levels and creativity, as well as buoy our spirits.

Conversely, without proper protection, summer can be arduous and detrimental as well. Sunburns and heat strokes are the most common hazards during this season. Feeling of weariness caused by **dehydration** of the body is also allied with summer season.

Nevertheless, provided that the weather is not inhospitable, summer can be the perfect time of year to engage in numerous activities. Lingering daylight and **ephemeral** nighttime provide ample opportunities to explore the world in all its splendor.

### Activity 3 | Question and Answer

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**Directions:** Answer these questions about the article.

1. Why do we have seasons?
2. How is the Earth positioned during the summer?
3. What is the effect of nature on human spirit?
4. Why do we feel tired sometimes during the summer?
5. How is the length of the day and night different in summer in comparison to winter?

## Activity 4 | Summary

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**Directions:** Make a summary of this article, focusing on the main topic. After that, your teacher will give you an example of the summary.

## Activity 5 | Thoughts

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**Directions:** Read the following quote and share your opinion with your teacher:

“A man says a lot of things in summer he doesn't mean in winter.”

1. How do you understand this quote? Do you agree with the writer? Why?
2. How big is the impact of weather on human beings in your opinion?
3. What are the advantages of winter in comparison to summer?

## Activity 6 | Free Conversation

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**Directions:** Answer these questions related to the topic of the article. Have a free conversation about it with your teacher.

1. Do you like summer season? Why or why not?
2. Which season do you dislike the most?
3. What do you usually do during summer?
4. What are the popular activities that people do in your country during summer?
5. Is there anything you don't like about summer?
6. What are the advantages and disadvantages of summer in your opinion?
7. If you could choose one season to last until the end of your life, which one would you choose? Why?
8. What do you think life looks like in places that have six months of daylight in summer and six months of darkness? What do you think your life would look like if you lived in such a place?
9. Global warming is playing a role in intensifying heat waves, which have killed more than 2000 people around the world in 2015. What is the situation in your country? In your opinion, what could be the solution for this problem?
10. Is there a difference in your behavior during the summer in comparison to other seasons? Why? What about the people around you?