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## Program 14: "The Seasons of My Life"



Mr. English: **Hi, everybody. Welcome to A Ticket to Tomorrow. I'm Mr. English. And I'm visiting the future with two friends from the twentieth century. Yoko. . .**

Yoko: **Hi, everyone.**

Mr. English: **. . .and Peter.**

Peter: **Hello.**

Mr. English: **It's the year 2092. Our new friend Tamara is from the twenty-first century.**

Tamara: **Welcome. Now we're going to open the door to the future!**



*[They open the door.]*

Yoko: **Beautiful!**

Peter: **Incredible!**

Mr. English: **The sun is so bright.**

Yoko: **It's not like the sun back home in the twentieth century.**

Peter: **No, it's brighter. But it doesn't hurt my eyes.**

Yoko: **And look at the buildings.**

Mr. English: **They're very tall.**

Yoko: **They're not like the buildings back home.**

Mr. English: **No, they're taller.**

Peter: **Feel the sunshine! It's warm.**

Yoko: **And the air! It's so fresh!**

Peter: **The air was so dirty in the past. And it was getting dirtier every day.**

Tamara: **Yes, the future is a very good time.**

Yoko: **I love it!**

Peter: **It's great!**

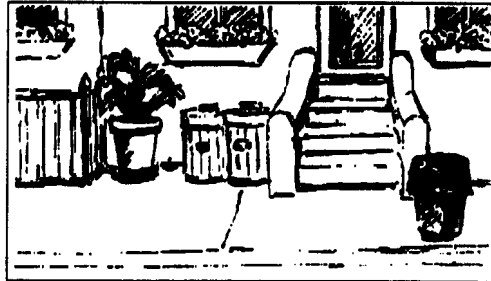
Mr. English: **It's magical! And the people on the street look so happy, much happier than the people back home!**





*Talk Back*

- Mr. English: **Let's compare things. Listen.**  
Peter: Look at the buildings.  
Mr. English: They're very *tall*.  
Yoko: They're not like the buildings back home.  
Mr. English: They're *taller*. **We add *er* to the end of the adjective.**  
**Tall—taller. Now you try it.**  
bright  
Peter: (*brighter*)  
Mr. English: friendly  
Peter: (*friendlier*)  
Mr. English: happy  
Peter: (*happier*)  
Mr. English: fresh  
Peter: (*fresher*)  
Mr. English: clean  
Peter: (*cleaner*)



*Read Along*



THE DAYS ARE WARMER.  
THE NIGHTS ARE LONGER.  
THE LIGHTS ARE BRIGHTER,  
AND I'M FEELING STRONGER.

THE AIR IS SWEETER.  
THE SKY IS BLUER.  
THE SEA IS DEEPER,  
AND MY LOVE IS TRUER.

I WAS A CHILD!  
I WAS WILDER THAN A LION OUT OF A CAGE.  
BUT NOW I'M OLDER,  
AND QUIETLY BOLDER,  
AND I'M ACTING MY AGE.  
I'M FEELING BETTER THAN BEFORE.  
SO I DON'T WANT TO THINK ABOUT YESTERDAY ANYMORE.

MY TIME IS SLOWER.  
MY SPACE IS WIDER.  
MY DREAM IS CLEARER,  
AND I'M FEELING LIGHTER.

MY SMILE IS GENTLER.  
MY WORDS ARE KINDER.  
MY PAST IS DIMMER.  
I DON'T WANT A REMINDER.

I WAS A BABY!  
I WAS, MAYBE, ACTING YOUNGER THAN MY YEARS.  
BUT NOW I'M WISER,  
AND I'M AN ADVISER  
FOR THE MELTING OF FEARS.  
I'M FEELING SURER THAN BEFORE.  
SO I DON'T WANT TO THINK ABOUT YESTERDAY ANYMORE.

MY HEART IS BEATING FASTER, AND I CAN'T COMPARE  
WHO I WAS AND WHO I AM, 'CAUSE NOW I KNOW I CARE.  
I FEEL THE ANGELS NEARER, AND I FEEL THE SUN.  
AND I'M RIDING ON A BREEZE! I WANT TO PLEASE EVERYONE!

THE DAYS ARE WARMER.  
THE NIGHTS ARE LONGER.  
THE LIGHTS ARE BRIGHTER,  
AND I'M FEELING STRONGER.

THE AIR IS SWEETER  
THE SKY IS BLUER.  
THE SEA IS DEEPER,  
AND MY LOVE IS TRUER.

Match each word at the left with its opposite at the right.

- |               |             |
|---------------|-------------|
| 1. hot        | a. light    |
| 2. long       | b. friendly |
| 3. narrow     | c. happy    |
| 4. unfriendly | d. wide     |
| 5. heavy      | e. short    |
| 6. quiet      | f. cold     |
| 7. sad        | g. dark     |
| 8. bright     | h. noisy    |



Work with a partner. Each of you will complete one of the two charts below. Choose adjectives from Practice A or use your dictionary to find others.



1.

	SUMMER	WINTER
days	<i>long</i>	
nights		
temperature		<i>cold</i>
color of sky		<i>gray</i>
clothing	<i>light</i>	
children's feelings		

2.

	CITY	COUNTRY (rural areas)
size of streets		<i>wide</i>
buildings	<i>high</i>	
noise level		<i>quiet</i>
people		
streets at night	<i>bright</i>	
lifestyle		<i>calm</i>

With a partner, complete the sentences below with information from the two charts in Practice B. Then write three more sentences.



- Summer days are longer than winter days.
- People wear \_\_\_\_\_ clothing in the winter than in the summer.
- The country is \_\_\_\_\_ than the city. You can hear birds sing.
- Children feel \_\_\_\_\_ in the summer because they don't go to school.
- City streets are \_\_\_\_\_ at night than country streets.
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_



Tamara: Now I'm going to take you to my favorite place: The Park of the Four Seasons.

Mr. English: Four seasons? You mean the park has summer and fall. . .

Yoko: . . .and winter and spring?

Tamara: That's right. You can feel any season at this park. How about winter?

Mr. English: OK.

Tamara: Just close your eyes and take a deep breath. See a winter place in your mind. Now, open your eyes!



Mr. English: It's winter, and it's snowing! The trees and the ground are all white.  
Yoko: But it isn't cold!  
Mr. English: It's beautiful, like winter at home.  
Yoko: I think it's more beautiful!  
Mr. English: The snow is so soft. It looks comfortable, like a bed. *[He yawns.]*  
I think I'd like to lie down here for a minute.  
Peter: Mr. English, what are you doing?  
Yoko: Oh, it *is* comfortable.



Peter: Yoko! Get up! Tamara! Tamara, you look different.  
Tamara: I do?  
Peter: You look. . . older.  
Tamara: *[She laughs.]* Come on. I'll show you the rest of the park.  
Peter: Tamara, you look more beautiful every minute. I feel different.  
My heart is beating faster, and I feel more alive!



**THE WINTER SNOW IS SO INVITING!  
I LOVE A NICE AND ICY DAY!  
THE WIND IS SO EXCITING—  
LISTEN! IT'S BLOWING A SONG OUR WAY!**



**THE SEASONS OF MY LIFE  
ARE MORE BEAUTIFUL WITH YOU.  
THE SEASONS OF MY LIFE  
ARE MORE SPECIAL AND THE VIEW IS CLEAR:  
THE SEASONS OF MY LIFE ARE LOVELIER  
WHEN YOU'RE HERE.**

**AND SOON THE SPRING IS BRINGING FLOWERS.  
LOOK AT THE RAINBOWS IN THE AIR!  
AND WE CAN DANCE FOR HOURS.  
ALL OF THE BIRDS HAVE A SONG TO SHARE!**

**THE SEASONS OF MY LIFE  
ARE MORE BEAUTIFUL WITH YOU.  
THE SEASONS OF MY LIFE  
ARE MORE SPECIAL AND THE VIEW IS CLEAR:  
THE SEASONS OF MY LIFE ARE LOVELIER  
WHEN YOU'RE HERE.**

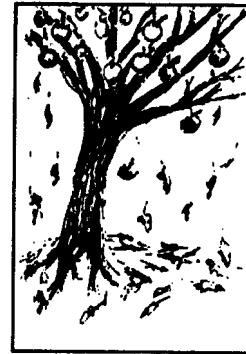


*AND NOW THE SUMMER SUNSHINE REACHES  
INTO MY HEART, AND BY THE SEAS,  
I WALK ON SANDY BEACHES,  
AND THERE'S A SONG IN THE OCEAN BREEZE.*



*THE SEASONS OF MY LIFE  
ARE MORE BEAUTIFUL WITH YOU.  
THE SEASONS OF MY LIFE  
ARE MORE SPECIAL AND THE VIEW IS CLEAR:  
THE SEASONS OF MY LIFE ARE LOVELIER  
WHEN YOU'RE HERE.*

*LOOK! ALL THE AUTUMN LEAVES ARE FALLING  
INTO A PILE OF GOLDEN DREAMS!  
THE APPLE TREES ARE CALLING—  
I HEAR A SONG! AND IT ALWAYS SEEMS*



*THE SEASONS OF MY LIFE  
ARE MORE BEAUTIFUL WITH YOU.  
THE SEASONS OF MY LIFE  
ARE MORE SPECIAL AND THE VIEW IS CLEAR:  
THE SEASONS OF MY LIFE ARE LOVELIER  
WHEN YOU'RE HERE.*

Mr. English: **Please join us on our next program. We're going to fall in love!  
But that's all for now—until the next time—on *A Ticket to Tomorrow!***



The pictures below show the seasons in New York City. Does each season look the same or different in your city or country? Make statements like the ones below the winter scene.

Practice  
D

WINTER



*It's like winter in my city. There's a lot of snow.*  
*It's not like winter in my country. We don't have snow.*

\_\_\_\_\_

SPRING



\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

SUMMER



\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

FALL



\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

With a partner, ask and answer the questions.

Practice  
E

1. Which season do you like more, spring or summer? Why?
2. Which season do you like more, fall or winter? Why?
3. In which season would you prefer to take a vacation? Why?
4. What can you do only in the summer? (Only in the fall? Only in the winter? Only in the spring?)



Read "The Park of the Three Biomes." Then do the exercise below.

Practice  
F

### "The Park of the Three Biomes"

The arctic air is cold. The water is freezing. Polar bears swim back and forth. Penguins sit together on the snow, waiting for dinner.

A few feet away the air is warm and moist. Tropical birds fly from tree to tree, screeching to each other.

Nearby is another very different habitat. Here the climate is temperate. Sea lions swim in the cool water. Japanese monkeys swing in the trees.

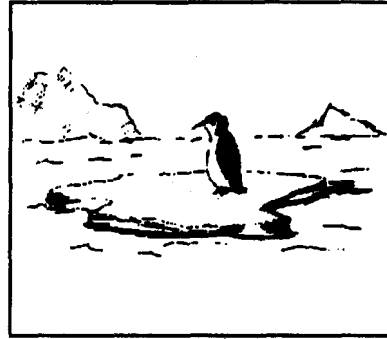
Are you in a magical land of the future? No, you are at the new Central Park Zoo in New York City.

This zoo is very different from most zoos. Its three communities, or *biomes*, are very carefully controlled. The environment is just like the animals' natural one. There are no cages or iron bars between the animals and the people. Snow monkeys, African lions, Asian bears, snakes from the Amazon, and birds from Brazil are separated from human visitors by natural boundaries. Water moats and ponds, rock hills, trees and small valleys keep the exotic animals in their own worlds.

The animals eat excellent food. It is more healthful than the food served in some restaurants! Every week, the zoo's 450 birds and animals eat 75 rodents, 1,250 pounds of fish, 500 pounds of worms, 1,000 flies, 8,000 crickets, and a ton of roots, seeds, and vegetables. Wouldn't you like to eat so well?

#### Answer the questions.

1. Which animal lives in the arctic biome?
2. Which animal lives in the tropical biome?
3. Which animal lives in the temperate biome?
4. What type of climate do you live in— arctic, tropical, or temperate?



an arctic biome



a tropical biome



a temperate biome