

Topic 13: Spring Activities

Background: Spring in the northern hemisphere means warmer temperatures and new life in plants and animals. Baby animals and birds are often born in the springtime. Flowers bloom and life is renewed after cold winter temperatures. People sometimes do “spring cleaning” during this season. It also means an increase in sports activities such as baseball, T-ball, and soccer.

Discussion Questions:

1. Are there any special holidays or traditions in the Spring in your home country? Tell about a spring holiday or spring tradition in your home country.
2. What is your favorite thing about Spring?
3. Do you plant vegetable or flower gardens in the Spring in your home country? Please explain.
4. Do the same plants grow in Austin as you grew in your home country? Tell about some of the similarities and differences in the plant life.
5. Are there special foods you eat in the springtime, compared to what you eat in the winter time? Do people drink different drinks in the Spring than in the Winter? (green tea, black tea?)
6. Is Spring cleaning common in your home country? Please explain.
7. Are there special sports that take place in the Spring in your home country? Please explain.
8. Do people in your home country enjoy hiking in the spring? If yes, tell about some of the places people like to go to hike.
9. Do schools in your home country have a Spring Break? If so, please explain what common activities are during Spring Break.
10. Proms and graduations commonly take place in the Spring in the US. Is this also the case in your home country?

Vocabulary: spring cleaning, T-ball, hiking, renewal, bud, bloom, hiking, camping, “March comes in like a lion and goes out like a lamb.” “April showers bring May flowers.”, prom