

T A S K 2 Say /s/

2a Listen, and practise this weather forecast.

Temperatures are expected to fall to minus six degrees in the south. Northern areas will have severe frost, with snow on the hills. It may also snow near the south coast. Roads will be icy - drive slowly, and don't get too close to other cars. Watch out for patches of freezing fog. Don't drive too fast - it's dangerous in these conditions.

* Frost

* Freezing fog

Sun Snow

Ice or Icy roads

T A S K 4 Say /s/ and /z/

4.1 Listen, and practise this conversation.

- A: Good morning. Welcome to Supervacation Travel Agency. Can I help you?
 B: Yes, I hope so. I'm interested in a short holiday soon. I'd like some information.
 A: Yes, certainly. What sort of holiday interests you?
 B: Somewhere with some sunshine.
 A: What about a luxury cruise?
 B: What exactly happens on a luxury cruise?
 A: Well, a cruise is a holiday on a ship. The ship itself is very luxurious; it's like staying in a luxury hotel. The ship sails to various places. Passengers get off and see the sights.
 B: I'm not sure. What other holidays can you suggest?
 A: Here's a Supervacation brochure. It gives information about lots of holidays. See what suits you best. Then we'll fix it.
 B: Thanks for the information. I expect I'll see you soon.

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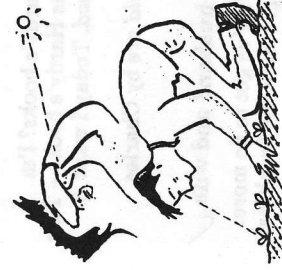
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4a Listen, and practise this conversation.

- A: Have a cigarette!
 B: No thanks. I've stopped smoking.
 A: How do you stay so slim? Most people put on weight when they stop smoking.
 B: That's because people often eat sweets instead of smoking.
 A: I eat sweets as well! Perhaps that's why you are slimmer than me.
 B: I'm reading a book called 'Be fit, stay slim'. It tells you to eat lots of potatoes, and wholemeal bread, and baked beans.
 A: I thought potatoes and all those things were fattening.
 B: No, it's sweet things that are fattening. We should eat less fat and less sugar. The book advises eating lots of fruit.
 A: That's easy in the summer. But it's not so easy in winter.
 B: It's possible in winter too. You can freeze some things - frozen raspberries are very good. Anyway this book gives some suggested menus. Breakfast: cereal, two slices of toast, tea or coffee. Lunch: a cheese sandwich, and two small peaches.
 A: It doesn't sound much. What's for supper?
 B: Vegetable soup, beans on toast, and a small ice cream. I love beans on toast. It's so easy to make.

3.3 Listen, and practise.

Advice for gardeners



This season, I advise you to do two easy things: use your eyes, and go down on your knees!
 First, use your eyes: look at weather conditions. Clear skies often bring freezing winds. Cover your plants, or you will lose them.
 Second, go down on your knees, so you can really see your plants. See if there are signs of disease on the leaves. If there are, remove the diseased ones.

T A S K 5 Say /t/ and /dʒ/ and /ʒ/

5a Listen, and practise this telephone conversation.

- A: Leisure and Pleasure General Stores. Can I help you?
 B: Good morning. There's something wrong with my television. Could you arrange to repair it?
 A: How long have you had the television?
 B: I bought it in January.
 A: What's the problem?
 B: The picture keeps jumping.
 A: Just a moment. Our engineer is free on Tuesday, after lunch.
 B: Could you manage something sooner? I want to watch television before Tuesday.
 A: I'll put it down as an urgent repair. The engineer usually calls in at lunchtime. I'll try and catch him then.