

Listening A [Track 04]

Bill: Sophia, your parents are from Greece, right? Do you know Greece well?

Sophia: Pretty well. Why, Bill?

Bill: Well, I'd like to visit Greece next year. When's a good time to go?

Sophia: Oh, Greece is beautiful any time of year, but my favorite season is spring. The weather is warm and sunny, and there are flowers everywhere.

Bill: Hmm. I can't go in the spring. What about the summer? Does it rain then?

Sophia: Well, it doesn't rain very much in the summer. In fact, many people love Greece in the summer because it's usually hot and sunny, and they can swim all day long. But in my opinion, July and August are extremely hot! I really don't like those two months in Greece.

Bill: What about the fall?

Sophia: September is great! Not hot, like July and August. October and November are pretty cool and cloudy. It's surprising, but November can be quite rainy.

Bill: Too bad. I'm free in November, but I don't want to go to Greece in a rainy month! Is it very cold in the winter?

Sophia: Fairly cold. But it's pretty snowy in the mountains – great for skiing in some places.

Bill: Well, I don't ski, so I'm not interested in a ski vacation. Hmm . . . early summer sounds like a great time to go. I really love hot, sunny weather. Maybe next June, before it gets extremely hot.

Sophia: That's a good time for sightseeing, too. I think you'll have a great time.