

Unit 1 Listening Cloze

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3. Spring is warmer. It is a time for a new beginning and growth. Plants and some animals wake up from a long winter's sleep. Many places have the most ⁴ _____ weather - high winds, thunderstorms, floods, and even ⁵ _____. In Japan, cherry blossoms appear mostly in late March and early April and last about a week. Nearly every public park in the country has ⁶ _____, with singing, outdoor cooking, parties, and other events. The days are often cool. The sky is blue. For many, this is the favorite time of year.

4. Summer is hot and ⁷ _____. The days are the longest and hottest. Many people stay indoors and use air-conditioners. Much of Japan has a ⁸ _____ when it rains very hard. It is common to go to the beach, enjoy the warm ocean breezes, and get a suntan.

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