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BTEC First Travel and Tourism: This worksheet accompanies slide 14 of the Unit 3 presentation  
*3.2 Seasonal Variations*

### Skiing scenario

A young professional couple want to go skiing in the Alps, as they have family living nearby in Switzerland, and have always wanted to learn to ski. Ideally they would like to go in the spring, but are concerned about whether there will be the right amount of snow. They also want to make sure they have the right kind of clothing and equipment for the weather.

In your groups, take on the roles of the couple and the travel agent. Try to think about the key issues you need to address and the key information you need to convey.





### **Skiing scenario: Couple**

You are the **couple**. You:

- need a beginner's skiing course, preferably in the Swiss Alps
- would like to go in the spring
- are concerned that there won't be enough snow to ski on
- want to make sure that you have the right clothing and equipment for the conditions.



### Skiing scenario: Travel agent

You are the **travel agent**. You:

- need to advise the couple of the best season to go skiing in the Alps, whilst taking into consideration their wish to go in the spring
- need to inform the couple about the skiing tuition available
- need to provide information about the clothing and equipment they will need for the conditions.

## Backpacking scenario

A student wants to go backpacking in India and South-east Asia for his gap year. He has a friend who has been before, and is sure that the experience is for him. He is confident that he will be fine, especially as his girlfriend is going with him. However, his parents are worried, since they have heard stories about backpackers being caught out by extreme weather conditions. They want to know when would be the best and safest time for him to travel.



In your groups, take on the roles of the parents, student and travel agent and act out the scenario. Try to think about the key concerns you would have and the key information you would want to convey.

## Backpacking scenario: Parents

You are the **parents**. You:

- are concerned that your only son is determined to go to far away countries without you, and with only one friend
- are concerned that your son knows very little about his destination
- have heard about backpackers being unprepared for extreme weather conditions in this part of the world
- want to know what time of the year would be best for him to go.





### **Backpacking scenario: Student**

You are the **student**. You:

- are fed up with your parents' constant worrying, but are glad that they care about you
- are excited at the thought of going to new places without much planning – the spontaneity is part of the thrill
- want to gather some information before you go, but are confident that everything will work out fine
- want to go as soon as possible once the British summer is over.

## Backpacking scenario: Travel agent

You are the **travel agent**. You:

- understand the parents' concerns, as well as the student's wish for independence and spontaneity
- need to make the family aware of any seasonal considerations that might affect the trip
- should explain that climatic conditions vary with the seasons quite a lot in these destinations
- need to reassure the parents and provide ample information and guidance for the student.

