



1. ice-cream cart
[aɪs 'kri:m kɑ:t]
2. fountain
['faʊntɪn]
3. hamper ['hæmpə],
picnic basket
['pɪknɪk ,bɑ:skɪt]
4. rug [rʌg] UK,
blanket ['blæŋkɪt]
5. street cafe
['stri:t ,kæfeɪ]
6. shawl [ʃɔ:l]
7. mosquito
[mə'ski:təʊ]
8. path [pɑ:θ]
9. cobblestones
['kɒbəlstəʊnz]
10. barbecue
['bɑ:bɪkjʊ:]
11. tongs ['tɒŋz]
12. insect repellent
['ɪnsekt ri,pelənt]
13. apron ['eɪprən]
14. charcoal
['tʃɑ:kəʊl]
15. bench [bentʃ]

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VOCABULARY

Evenings outside

Is there anything more pleasant than a balmy evening outdoors in summer? ANNA HOCHSIEDER presents language you can use to talk about sitting out at night.

MEDIUM PLUS

The twilight hour

It was a **balmy** Friday evening in July at the end of what had been one of the hottest days of the year's **heatwave**. Thanks to the fact that it was **summer time**, the sun still hadn't set. Streaks of red and orange were beginning to **spread** across the sky. The **town square** was full of people **strolling along paths** or sitting on **benches**, enjoying the **gentle evening breeze**. Children **nagged** their parents to buy them an ice lolly from the **cart**. Teenage boys **lounged** against the church wall, **eyeing** giggly groups of teenage girls. A family was enjoying its supper **al fresco** on the green. Some of the older **folk** had placed chairs outside their front doors and sat chatting to the neighbours. Smoke **drifted** across from a back garden, where someone had **fired up the barbie** and was **flipping burgers**.

Dusk had descended when a woman none of us had seen before crossed the square, her heels click-clacking sharply on the **cobblestones**. All eyes were fixed on her. Even the teenage boys and the giggly girls had fallen silent. What was a stranger doing in the town at this hour?

PRACTICE

Now try the following exercises to practise talking about sitting outside in the evening.



Exercise 1 E

What do you need to enjoy an evening outdoors? Complete the following sentences with suitable words from the illustration on the opposite page.

- A. It might get a bit **chilly** at night, so don't forget to bring a(n)
- B. The grass might be **damp**, so we'll need a(n) to sit on.
- C. There are lots of mosquitoes around at dusk, so it would be good to have some
- D. You're in **charge** of the barbecue cooking, so bring a(n) to protect your clothes.
- E. We'll need plates, glasses and **cutlery**, so I'll bring them in my

Exercise 2 M

Match the verbs from the text to their definitions (1–6).

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. To “drift”... B. To “eye someone”... C. To “loungue”... D. To “nag someone”... E. To “spread”... F. To “stroll”... | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. means to “open something out so as to cover a larger area”. 2. means to “keep troubling someone to do something”. 3. means to “walk slowly and in a relaxed way”. 4. means to “look at a person with great interest”. 5. means to “be carried along slowly by a current of air or water”. 6. means to “lean, sit or lie in a relaxed way”. |
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charge: be in ~ of sth.
[tʃɑːdʒ]
• für etw. verantwortlich sein

chilly [ˈtʃɪli]
• kühl

cutlery [ˈkʌtləri]
• Besteck

damp [dæmp]
• feucht

in bold [ɪn ˈbɔʊld]
• fettgedruckt

pester [ˈpestə]
• nerven, in den Ohren liegen

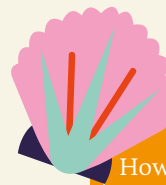
saunter [ˈsɔːntə]
• schlendern, bummeln

twilight [ˈtwɪlaɪt]
• Dämmerung

Exercise 3 A

Find the words in the text on page 44 that mean the same as those **in bold** in the sentences below. You may need to change the form of the words.

- A. It was a **mild** evening, so we left the windows open.
- B. In Germany, **daylight saving time** ends on 28 October this year.
- C. Couples **sauntered** by hand in hand.
- D. No, I won't buy you an ice cream, so stop **pestering** me.
- E. In summer, they serve meals and drinks **outdoors**.
- F. Can you **light the barbecue** while I make a salad?
- G. **Twilight** is feeding time for mosquitoes.



How closely have you looked at the picture on page 44? Our illustrator was inspired by the holiday spirit and hid five things you wouldn't normally see on a balmy night out in July. Can you spot them?

Answers

- 1. A. shawl
B. rug / blanket
C. insect repellent
D. apron
E. hamper / picnic basket
 - 2. A-5; B-4; C-6; D-2; E-1; F-3
 - 3. A. balmy
B. summer time UK
C. strolled
D. nagging
E. al fresco
F. fire up the barbie
Aus. ifml.
G. Dusk
- Quiz question:
daffodils (Osterglocken)
autumn leaves UK
snowman
bobble hat UK
(Pudelmütze)
sledge UK (Schlitten)