

## Lekcja 2. Skiing in Italy



**In this lesson you will hear two friends talking about their winter holiday and you will learn words and expressions useful when going skiing. Before listening to the recording, listen to the words and phrases that are used in this conversation:**

skiing – *jazda na nartach*

snowboarding – *jazda na snowboardzie*

fashionable – *modny*

to search on the Internet – *szukać w Internecie*

a couple of possibilities – *kilka możliwości*

expensive – *drogi*

interesting offer – *interesująca oferta*

good value for money – *wart swojej ceny*

pricey (informal) – *drogi*

skis – *narty*

boards – *deski*

coach ride – *podróż autokarem*

reasonable choice – *rozsądny wybór*

ski-pass – *karnet narciarski*

valid for six days – *ważny przez sześć dni*

Is there any catch? – *Czy jest tam jakiś haczyk?*

breathtaking views – *zapierające dech w piersiach widoki*

black run – *czarna trasa*

snowfalls – *opady śniegu*

ski run – *trasa narciarska*

cable car – *kolejka linowa*

skilift – *wyciąg narciarski*

jump – *skocznia*

rail – *poręcz*



**And now listen to the recording. You will hear two friends, Lance and Alberto, talking about going skiing and snowboarding. Lance is trying to persuade Alberto to go to Italy. They discuss a special offer in one of the Italian ski resorts that Lance found on the Internet:**

- Okay, so let's start at the beginning. We know what we want to do...
- Skiing and snowboarding.
- ...And what else do we know?
- Nothing! I mean we need somewhere with snow, and it has to be in Europe for

- budget purposes.
- So no Colorado this year?
  - I'm afraid not.
  - So, realistically that leaves us with just two or three options. We could go to France, or Italy, or maybe Austria... or maybe even Bulgaria.
  - I've heard it's fashionable at the moment, and cheap, but let's stick to somewhere we know. Have you had any luck with searching on the Internet?
  - Well, there were a couple of possibilities. Garmisch sounded good... but a bit too expensive. There were some interesting offers in France... but I'm not sure about the places. My friends went to the Three Valleys and said that it just wasn't good value for money.
  - How do you mean?
  - Well, it was more to do with the après ski than the actual skiing. The restaurants were a bit pricey and the beer wasn't cheap. So my suggestion is Italy.
  - Italy?
  - I know it's not your favourite. But I've done my homework on this one, so let me give you a few details, sell the holiday to you.
  - Okay. But you'll have to be persuasive!
  - The place I found is Val di Sole. The "Valley of the Sun", I think.
  - Where is it?
  - It's in the Dolomites. Which is the first advantage. It means we can drive there from Poland. Pack all our stuff in the car, skis and boards on the roof. Saves on the hassle of flights and then having to get from the airport on a nightmare coach ride.
  - Right... sounds interesting already!
  - What I basically found was this. You book accommodation in a hotel or apartment, we have a reasonable choice, and then you get a ski-pass included in the price.
  - What kind of ski-pass?
  - It covers the whole area and it's valid for six days.
  - Sounds too good to be true. Is there any catch?
  - Only that you have to go at a specific time. Either at the beginning or the end of the season. Which means it's good for us, as we're planning on early December.
  - Listen, what do you think about getting a third person to go with us?
  - Do you have someone in mind?
  - Adam. He wanted to come last year, but strained his knee the week before we left. And he told me that if we have a spare place this year he'd be interested.
  - I remember him. Let's get him along, he can help with petrol costs.