



Seasons and Weather



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What Is a Season?

Is the weather the same all year?
In most places on Earth, the weather changes with the seasons. A **season** is a time of year.

There are four seasons. Which is your favorite?



Spring



Summer

One year has four seasons. The seasons are spring, summer, fall, and winter. The next year we have the same seasons. The order is the same. The seasons form a pattern.



SEQUENCE

Which season comes after winter?



Fall



Winter

Spring

Spring is the season after winter. In spring, the weather is warm. There may be many rainy days in some places. You can predict what the weather will be like each spring.



How can you tell it is spring?

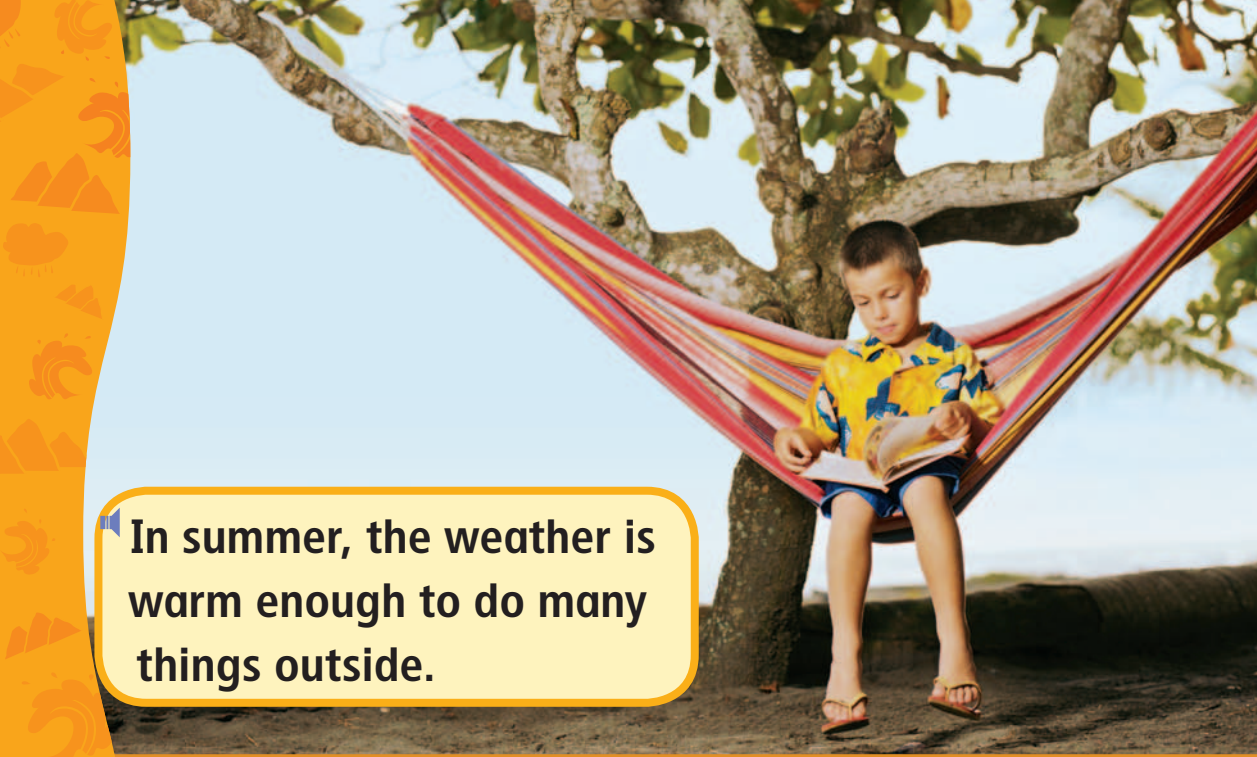


What are some things you like to do in spring?

There are more hours of daylight in spring than in winter. People may go outside more. They may work in the garden. There is more warmth and sunlight.



MAIN IDEA AND DETAILS What is the weather like in spring?



In summer, the weather is warm enough to do many things outside.

Summer

Summer is the season after spring. You can predict what the weather will be like in summer because the seasons follow a pattern each year. It is much warmer in summer than in spring.

Fast Fact

Many places in California get lots of sunshine. In California, September is one of the warmest months of the year.

Summer has many hours of daylight. The weather can be very hot and sunny. In many places, summer is the warmest time of the year. Many people enjoy going to the beach in summer.



MAIN IDEA AND DETAILS How is the weather in summer different from the weather in spring?

Most people like sunny days.



Fall

The season after summer is fall. There are fewer hours of daylight in fall than in summer. Some fall days are sunny. Others are cloudy. In most places, it does not rain as much in fall.



 Leaves on some trees change color in fall.



🔊 In some places, the weather turns cooler during the fall.

🔊 The air gets cooler in fall. In some places, people have to wear heavier clothes during this season. You can predict the weather in fall, too. The weather this fall will be a lot like the weather was last fall.



MAIN IDEA AND DETAILS What is fall?

Winter

Winter is the season after fall. Of the four seasons, winter has the fewest hours of daylight. Some places are very cold in winter. Snow may fall. People in cold places wear very warm clothes. In other places, the air may just get cooler. Spring will come again after winter.



MAIN IDEA AND

DETAILS What is the weather like in winter?

Fast Fact

In California, January and February are the coldest months of the year. Most of California's rain falls in the winter months.



Winter is the coldest season.



It is fun to build snow people in the winter!

Summary

A year has four seasons. The seasons are spring, summer, fall, and winter. The seasons form a pattern of weather that we can predict each year. Weather changes over the seasons.



■ **Glossary**

- **season** A time of year. A year has four seasons. (2,3,4,6,8,9,10,11)

Think and Write

-  **1.** Tell what you know about spring.
-  **2. SEQUENCE** What are the four seasons? Name them in order.
-  **3. MAIN IDEA AND DETAILS** Name ways spring is different from fall.
-  **4.** Write a story about something fun you did for fun on a winter day.

Hands-On Activity

With a partner, make four drawings. Draw the kinds of weather you would see in each season. Label the seasons in each picture.

School-Home Connection

Tell a family member what you have learned about the four seasons. Talk about the kinds of activities you can do in each season.