

The Four Seasons

There are four seasons: spring, summer, fall, and winter. In different parts of the United States, the weather during these seasons can be very different. But everyone in the country knows these four seasons. For example, in California, winter can be quite warm, while in New York, it can bring lots of snow. But both are still considered winter.

After winter, spring starts around March 20 and lasts until either June 20 or 21 in the United States (the exact date can vary a little from year to year and place to place). Spring is when the cold and snow of winter go away, and the weather becomes warmer and more pleasant. The grass turns green, and we see bees, butterflies, and birds become active again.

Next comes summer, from around June 21 to September 22. Summer is the warmest and longest season. Many students have a summer break from school during this time. It's the season when you see lots of people out and about. People wear shorts, t-shirts, and sunglasses to enjoy the sun. To stay cool, many use air conditioning, go swimming, or visit the beach.

Autumn, also known as fall, is a beautiful season that comes after summer, from September 22 to December 21. In America autumn is famous for falling leaves, Halloween on October 31, and Thanksgiving. Farmers harvest their crops during this time. The leaves change colours, becoming orange, red, and yellow, which are the typical colours of autumn.

In the United States, winter starts on December 21 and lasts until March 20. Winter is the coldest season. In the eastern, northern, and central parts of the country, there is a lot of snow. In the western and southern regions, snow is rare, but it still gets quite cold. Winter is known for snow, Christmas, New Year's Eve on December 31, and other special days. People often enjoy activities like ice skating, sledging, ice hockey, and snowball fights during this season.

In Japan, spring brings cherry blossoms, known as "sakura," which cover the trees in beautiful pink and white flowers. People have picnics under the blooming trees. In Australia, summer is a time for the beach; the country is surrounded by stunning coastlines, and many people go surfing and swim in the warm sea.



In Canada, autumn is the season of vibrant maple leaves. The forests turn into a sea of red, orange, and yellow, making it a perfect time for hiking. In Russia, winter is cold but magical; they celebrate "Maslenitsa" by eating pancakes and enjoy ice skating on frozen lakes. Each country has its unique seasonal charms.

Did you understand the text? Answer these questions:

1. When does spring begin in the United States?

- a) March 20
- b) June 21
- c) December 21
- d) It varies from year to year.

2. Which season is the warmest and longest in the United States?

- a) Fall
- b) Winter
- c) Summer
- d) Spring

3. What is a famous holiday that occurs during autumn?

- a) Christmas
- b) Thanksgiving
- c) New Year's Eve
- d) Halloween

4. What activity is commonly enjoyed during winter in snowy regions of the United States?

- a) Swimming
- b) Ice skating
- c) Sunbathing
- d) Surfing

5. What are the typical colours associated with autumn in the text?

- a) Blue and green
- b) Orange, red, and yellow
- c) White and grey
- d) Black and brown

6. Name the 5 countries mentioned in the text:

- 1. _____
- 2. _____
- 3. _____
- 4. _____
- 5. _____