



The Four Seasons

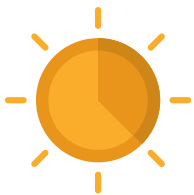
Many parts of the world have four seasons in a year. They are **winter**, **spring**, **summer** and **fall**.

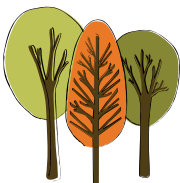
As the weather changes, we wear different clothes and do different activities. During each season, plants change and animals adjust their behaviors based on the weather.

Take a look at the photos below - which season do they belong to?









On the next page, we'll learn more about what happens during each season!



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Winter

Winter is when temperatures are the coldest. Snow and ice are common during this time. The days are short and the nights are long. Many trees and smaller plants take a pause on growing. Some animals take a deep sleep, called hibernation, and other animals move to warmer regions.

Spring

During spring, trees start growing and sprout new leaves. There is stronger sunlight and temperatures begin to rise. It can be sunny and rainy all in the same day. Plants and trees begins to flower and blossom. Many birds and animals return from their winter homes.

Summer

Throughout summer, temperatures remain warm, even after the sun goes down. Trees keep growing and plants produce beautiful flowers. Some trees even have fruit, like apples and cherries. People and animals spend lots of time exploring the nature around them during this warm season.

Fall

During the fall, trees stop growing and their leaves turn many colors like red, orange and yellow before falling off. Days get shorter and the temperature starts to drop. Many plants make seeds that will become new plants in the spring. Some animals begin to grow thick fur that will keep them warm in the winter.