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The four seasons

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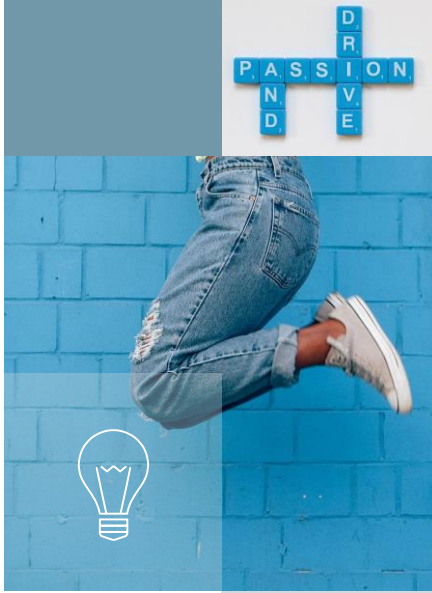
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Look at trees in the pictures. Describe what you see? Why are they all different?





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Repeat

/ˈsiːzən/





season noun [C]
(PART OF YEAR)

- In the rainy season drivers should drive carefully.



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Repeat

/sprɪŋ/





Spring

noun 1 [countable, uncountable] the season between winter and summer when leaves and flowers appear

- spring of

the spring of 1933

- in/during the spring

It’s going to open in the spring.

Repeat

/ˈsʌmə $ -ər/







sum·mer

noun [countable, uncountable]

1 the time of the year when the sun is hottest and the days are longest, between spring and fall.

We have breakfast in the yard in (the) summer.
Last summer they went to Australia, and two summers ago they went to Brazil.



Repeat

/fɔːl $ fɒːl/





Fall

3 [singular] American English the season between summer and winter, when leaves change color and the weather becomes slightly colder SYN *autumn*

The area is beautiful in the **fall**.
Leaves of the trees change color in the **fall**.

Repeat

/ˈwɪntə $ -ər/





win·ter noun [countable, uncountable]
the season after fall and before spring, when the weather is coldest

Soon it will be winter.

➢ in (the) winter

It usually snows here in the winter.

➢ this/last/next winter

This winter is colder than last winter.

Repeat

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/wet/



Dry (adj)

used to describe something that has no water or other liquid in, on, or around it:

This cake's a bit dry.



Wet (adj)

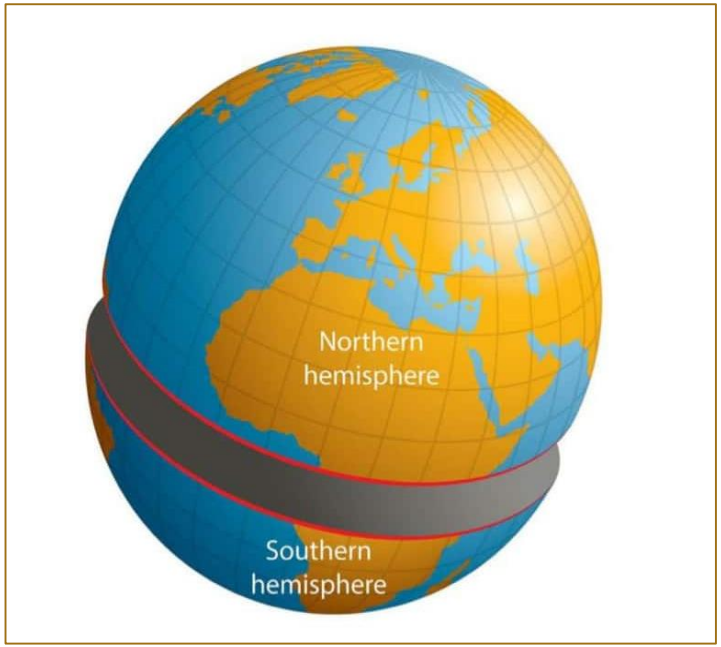
Covered in or full of water or another liquid

- a wet umbrella
- wet hair



Repeat

/ hemɪsfɪər /

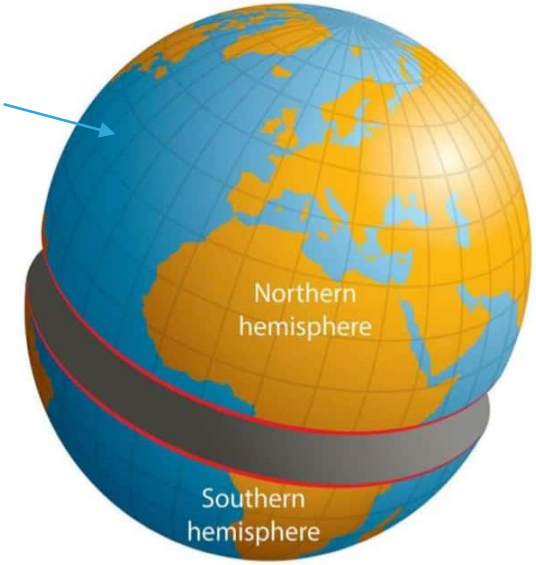




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Hemisphere n[c] = A half of the earth

the Northern hemisphere

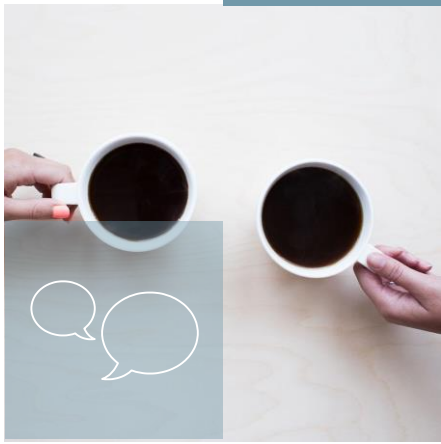




Repeat / ɪˈ kweɪtər /









Equator (n)

An imaginary line around the middle of the Earth.

- The Equator goes through fourteen countries.



Repeat /kɒnsəntreɪt /





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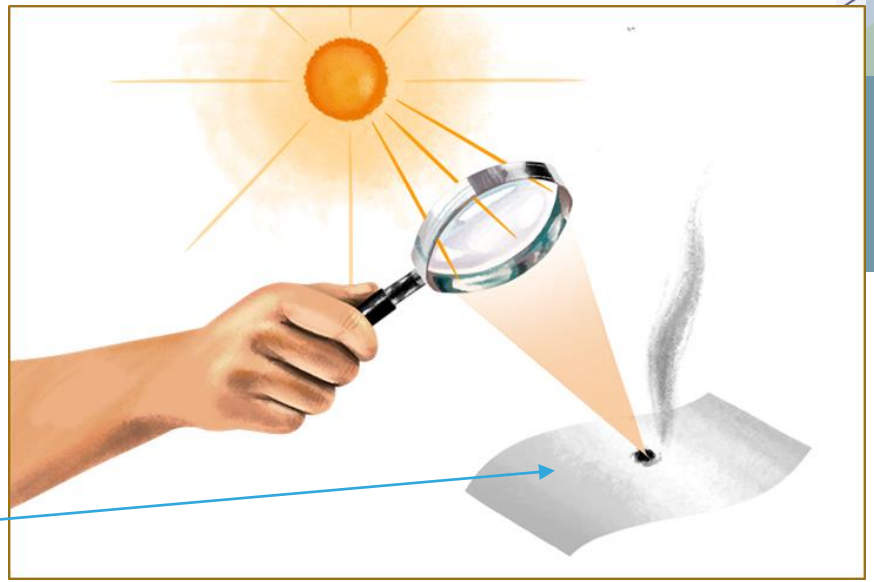
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Concentrate verb

Come together in a large amount in one particular area.

When you use a magnifying glass, what it's doing is just taking the light from all over the lens, and concentrating it on a smaller area.

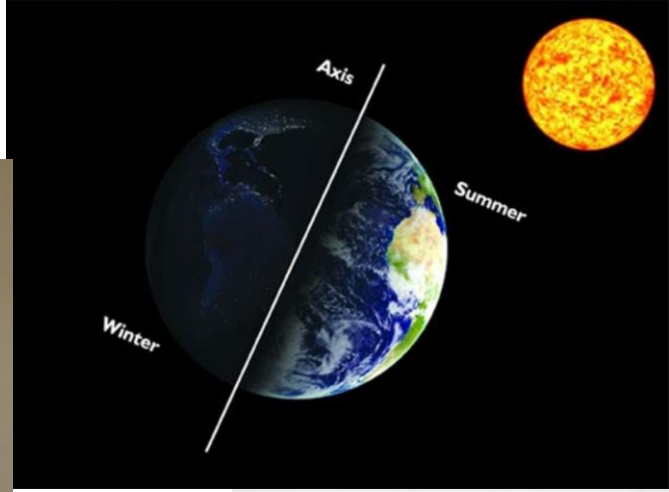


Repeat

/tɪlt/









Tilt verb

To move into a position where on side is higher than the other.





Repeat

/ˈdeɪlaɪt/





day·light noun

1 [uncountable] the light produced by the sun during the day
in daylight

➢ *The colors look much better in daylight.*

Fill in the blanks with these words.

Dry / Wet / Hemisphere / daylight / Equator / Tilted / Concentrate

1. I washed my clothes two hours ago but it is still ……

2. The heat from the Sun …….on a smaller area and heats it up.

3.Some countries are on the…… .

4.Canada is on the northern ……. .

5.I need to change into some …… clothes.

6.The Earth is not straight. It is …… .

7. They’re shy animals and don’t often come out in……..

Answers

Dry _ Wet _ Hemisphere _Daylight_ Equator _ Tilted _Concentrates

1. I washed my clothes two hours ago but it is still wet.
2. The heat from the Sun concentrates on a smaller area and heats it up.
3. Some countries are on the Equator .
4. Canada is on the Northern hemisphere .
5. I need to change into some dry clothes.
6. The Earth is not straight. It is tilted .
7. They’re shy animals and don’t often come out in daylight.

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Read the text about the seasons on the Earth.

1. How long does it take the Earth to orbit the Sun?
2. Which countries are in the Northern hemisphere?



COMPREHENSION

3 Read the text again and choose the correct answer.

1 It is summer in the northern hemisphere so it is *fall* / *winter* in the southern hemisphere.
2 It is summer in the northern hemisphere so the days are *longer* / *shorter*.
3 On the Equator, the days are *sometimes longer* / *always the same length*.
4 The southern hemisphere is tilting away from the Sun so it is *summer* / *winter*.
5 *Spring* / *fall* comes after winter.
6 We are nearer to the Sun in the *winter* / *summer*.
7 The Sun is higher in the sky in the *winter* / *summer*.
8 The Sun is *lower* / *higher* in the sky in the winter.

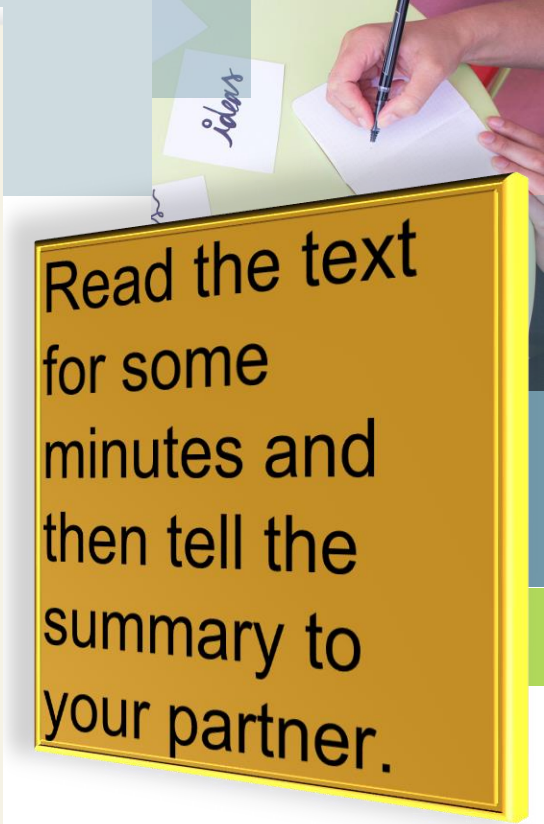
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Depending on the season, it is hotter or colder, wetter or drier. Seasons exist because of the way the Earth orbits the Sun. The Earth is tilted; it is not straight.

The Earth is divided into two hemispheres – the northern hemisphere (for example, Canada, the U.S.A., and Germany) and the southern hemisphere (for example, Australia, Brazil, and South Africa). These two hemispheres are separated by the Equator which goes around the middle of the Earth. The amount of sunlight varies depending on the time of year in the two hemispheres. It takes the Earth 365.24 days to orbit the Sun. As it moves around the Sun, some parts of the Earth have longer days than others. In the northern hemisphere, the days are shorter in the winter and longer in the summer. At the Equator, it doesn't change. There are twelve hours of daylight and twelve hours of night.

As the Earth tilts, we have hot summers and cold winters in some parts of the world. When the northern hemisphere tilts toward the Sun, it is summer. When it tilts away from the Sun, it is winter. When it is winter in the northern hemisphere, it is summer in the southern hemisphere. Between summer and winter, it is fall. Spring is between winter and summer. Near the Equator, the four seasons are not so clear. There are often wet and dry seasons in countries around the Equator.

Although the Earth's orbit of the Sun causes seasons, it doesn't change the temperature. Some people believe we are nearer to the Sun in the summer so it is hot. But actually the opposite is true. We are farthest from the Sun in July and closest in January. The days are hotter in July in the northern hemisphere because the Sun is higher in the sky. The heat from the Sun concentrates on a smaller area and heats it up. In the summer, the days are long so there is plenty of time for the Earth to get warmer.



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Now in pairs. Discuss these questions.

1. What is your favorite time of the year? Why?
2. Which season do you think is the worst season in your country?
3. Which hemisphere would you like to live in? Why?



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Homework



Provide a two minute presentation about the four seasons in your country.

