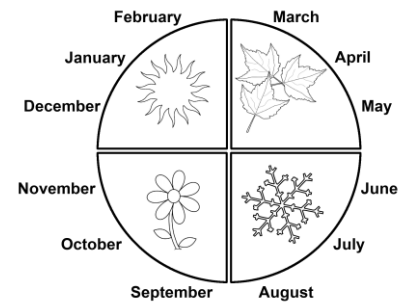


Seasons in Australia

Level 3

Australia is a very large country. This means the climate changes greatly from region to region. While the regions of the far north have only a wet season and a dry season, most of Australia experiences four seasons. If you live in the northern hemisphere, you might have noticed something unusual about the months of each season. Australia is in the southern hemisphere. That means its seasons are at opposite times to those in the northern hemisphere.



Summer

Summer in Australia falls between December and February. These months are hot, and people are often looking for ways to escape the heat. There are many beaches in Australia so during summer, many people visit beaches. Summer days are long in Australia, and so people enjoy spending a lot of time outdoors. Cricket and tennis are popular summer sports. Fruits such as cherries, mangoes and watermelon grow well in summer. Many thunderstorms occur during this time of the year.

Autumn

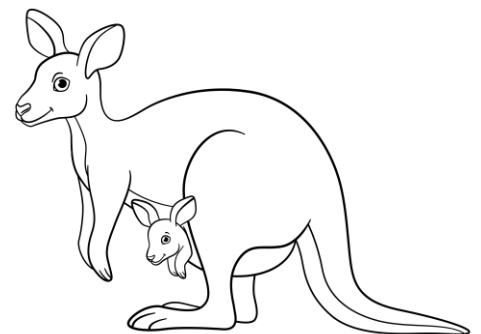
The autumn months in Australia are March, April and May. In some countries, autumn is known as 'fall'. The weather begins to get cooler during the autumn months, and some trees will lose their leaves. Football season in Australia begins during this season. Fruits such as apples, figs and pears are in season during autumn.

Winter

The season of winter in Australia falls between June and August. Winter nights are generally cold and winter days cool. Some areas of Australia get very cold. In fact, there are many ski fields in the south of Australia. Other areas of Australia experience more of a mild winter. Winter days are short. Many people enjoy getting outdoors during winter to make the most of the clear blue skies and catch some sun. Rugby is a popular winter sport. Grapefruits, kiwifruits, and oranges are in season during winter.

Spring

Spring is often warm, sunny days and cool nights. Spring in Australia is the period between September and November. The weather begins to get warmer, and the days begin to get longer. New plants grow and flowers bloom. Many koala and kangaroo joeys leave their mother's pouch for the first time during spring. It is common for other animals to give birth in the months of spring.



How do the seasons where you live compare to the seasons described here? Which season is your favourite?

Questions

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1. In which seasons do cherries grow well? _____

2. Are winter or summer days longer? _____

3. Which season is the month of July in? _____

4. What are the three months of spring in Australia?

5. What is another name for autumn?

Why do you think has it been given this name? _____

6. List 4 things that happen during spring according to the text.

7. Do you think this description of the seasons would be true for everywhere in Australia? Explain.

8. Why do you think certain fruits grow better in certain seasons?

9. Which season is your favourite? Which season is your least favourite? Why?



Answers

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1. In which seasons do cherries grow well? **Cherries grow well in summer.**

2. Are winter or summer days longer? **Summer days are longer.**

3. Which season is the month of July in? **July is in winter.**

4. What are the three months of spring in Australia?

September, October and November.

5. What is another name for autumn?

Why do you think has it been given this name?

Fall, because leaves fall off some trees.

6. List 4 things that happen during spring according to the text.

Weather gets warmer, days get longer, plants grow, flowers bloom, koala and kangaroo joeys leave the pouch, animals give birth.

7. Do you think this description of the seasons would be true for everywhere in Australia? Explain.

Answers may vary. No, the text says Australia is a very large country and the climate changes from region to region.

8. Why do you think certain fruits grow better in certain seasons?

Certain fruits grow better in certain seasons because different fruits need different levels of rain and different temperatures.

9. Which season is your favourite? Which season is your least favourite? Why?

Answers will vary.