



THE SEASONS AND THE SUN

The Sun's light  
shines on Earth.  
The light makes our  
air, land, and water  
warm.

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All of the seasons depend on the Sun. But  
what does the Sun have to do with the  
seasons?

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Day is Done, Gone the Sun. Photo courtesy of GollyGforce, Flickr.



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Have you noticed the Sun today?  
Is it sunny outside?  
Or is it cloudy?  
Will it get dark early tonight?

Summer landscape. Photo courtesy of stockxchng.



Summer is warm, or even hot!

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Four seasons collage. Photo courtesy of Wikimedia Commons.

Right! The four seasons are winter, spring, summer, and fall. Each season has different weather.



Sunset. Photo courtesy of stock.xchng.

Spring, summer, winter, or fall – the Sun makes a big difference for us all.

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The Sun shines on Earth every day. Even on cloudy days. But there isn't the same amount of sunlight in each season.

Earth. Photo courtesy of Nasa, visibleearth.nasa.gov.

We have four seasons on Earth. Can you name them?



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And fall is cooler than summer.



Autumn. Photo courtesy of sxc.hu.



There are more hours of sunlight  
in summer. That makes it warmer.



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There are fewer hours of sunlight  
in winter. That makes it colder.

Winter is cold. It might snow or rain a lot.

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Spring is warmer than winter. In some places  
spring is rainy.



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