

Seasons

Genre: Nonfiction **Reading Level:** 400L **Grade:** 1st

Earth has four seasons: spring, summer, fall, and winter. The seasons change	12
because Earth tilts as it travels around the sun. Different parts of Earth	25
get more or less sunlight at different times of the year.	36
Spring is a time of new growth. The weather gets warmer after the cold	50
winter. Flowers begin to bloom, and trees grow new leaves. Baby animals are	63
born. Many birds return from their winter homes in warmer places. People	75
plant gardens and enjoy the mild weather.	82
Summer is the warmest season. The days are long, and the sun is strong.	96
Trees are full of green leaves. Many fruits and vegetables ripen in summer.	109
Children have vacation from school. Families go to the beach, have picnics,	121
and play outside.	124
Fall, also called autumn, comes after summer. The weather starts to get	136
cooler. Leaves on many trees change color from green to red, orange, yellow,	149
and brown. Then the leaves fall to the ground. Animals gather food to	162
prepare for winter. Farmers harvest their crops.	169
Winter is the coldest season. The days are short, and the nights are long. In	184
many places, snow falls and covers the ground. Some animals hibernate, which	196
means they sleep through the winter. Other animals grow thick fur to stay	209
warm. People wear heavy coats, hats, and gloves when they go outside.	221

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS:

1. Why does Earth have different seasons?
2. What happens to trees and flowers in spring?
3. What does “hibernate” mean?
4. Which season is the warmest, and which is the coldest?