

# What's the Weather Like?

Let's look at a calendar and talk about how different units of time relate to one another.

Today is \_\_\_\_\_  
Today is one day. Who can tell me what a whole week is?

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How many days are in a whole week? How many days are in a school or work week? How many weeks are in a month? Did you know there are twelve months in a year?

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Here are all the days in 2021. Let's count the months. Let's count the weeks in the whole year.

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# What's the Weather Like?

In one year, twelve months, there are four different seasons. Who remembers the different seasons that occur at different times of the year?



# What's the Weather Like?

Over the next couple of weeks, you are going to learn about the different seasons in a year.



# What's the Weather Like?

Do you ever get letters from a friend or relative who lives somewhere else? If you do get letters written by a friend or relative, we might call that person your pen pal. A pen pal is a friend with whom you exchange written letters but who you may only see occasionally, if at all. Why do you think someone who writes and exchanges letters might be called a pen pal?

# What's the Weather Like?

*In the next several read alouds, you will be hearing from a pretend pen pal named Annie. Annie, who lives in Washington D.C., will be sending you letters about the weather and seasons where she lives.*



# What's the Weather Like?

Here is Washington D.C. This city is the capital of our country, the United States of America. Washington, D.C., is where the president of our country lives and works.



# What's the Weather Like?

Let's describe the weather in Oroville, CA today.

Is Oroville near or far from Washington D.C.?

Not everyone in the United States has the same weather on any given day.



# What's the Weather Like?

Weather where Annie lives may be very different right now from the weather in Oroville. Annie's letters will tell you about the seasons and weather in her hometown of Washington D.C.



# What's the Weather Like?

*Listen carefully to learn about different places on Earth that have different types of weather. Listen to learn the names of the four seasons of the year.*



# What's the Weather Like?

Dear Kindergartners,

Hello! My name is Annie, and I live in a big city called Washington, D.C. I'm in fifth grade, but I remember when I was in kindergarten, just like you.



# What's the Weather Like?

Right now in school, my class is learning about seasons and weather. Seasons are different times of the year, and weather is what it is like outside. For my school project, I'm going to be your weather pen pal. This means that I will write letters to you to tell you about the weather.



# What's the Weather Like?

I'm going to teach you what the weather is like where I live. I will also tell you about the weather in different areas, or places, on Earth. You can help me with my project by answering all my questions, so I can learn about what the seasons and weather are like where you live.



# What's the Weather Like?

There are many different kinds of weather. There is sunny weather, cloudy weather, windy weather, rainy weather, and stormy weather. What is the weather like outside today where you live?



# What's the Weather Like?

My teacher says that no matter where you live on Earth, the weather is always changing, hour by hour, and day by day. That means the weather never stays the same. But even though the weather changes, there are still weather patterns during certain times of the year.



# What's the Weather Like?

A pattern is something that repeats itself. For example, the weather pattern in the summer is mostly sunny and warm. Every summer the weather repeats itself. Weather patterns may change a lot in some places, and very little in other places. It all depends on where you live on Earth.



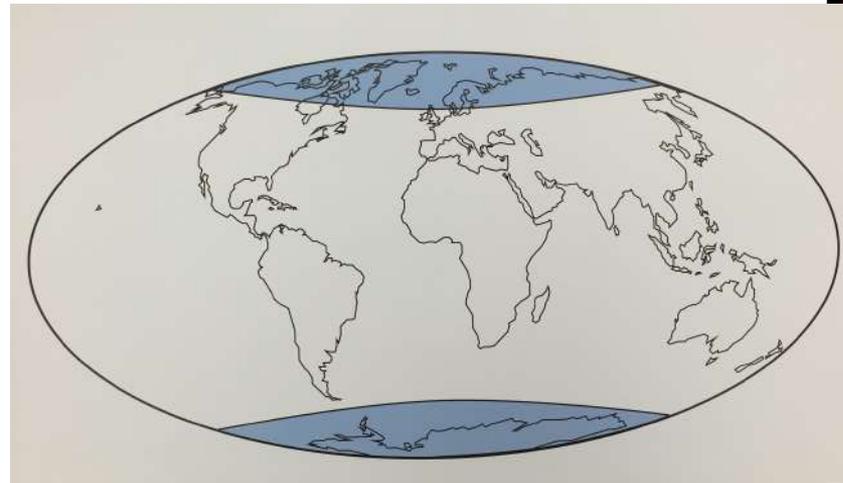
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# What's the Weather Like?

This is a map of the earth. I've colored two areas on the map blue. The color blue is often used to stand for things that are cold. One is at the North Pole and one is at the South Pole. Even though the North and South Poles are at opposite ends of the earth from each other, they share the same weather patterns.



# What's the Weather Like?

The weather pattern at the North and South Poles is always cold, and the land is usually covered by ice.



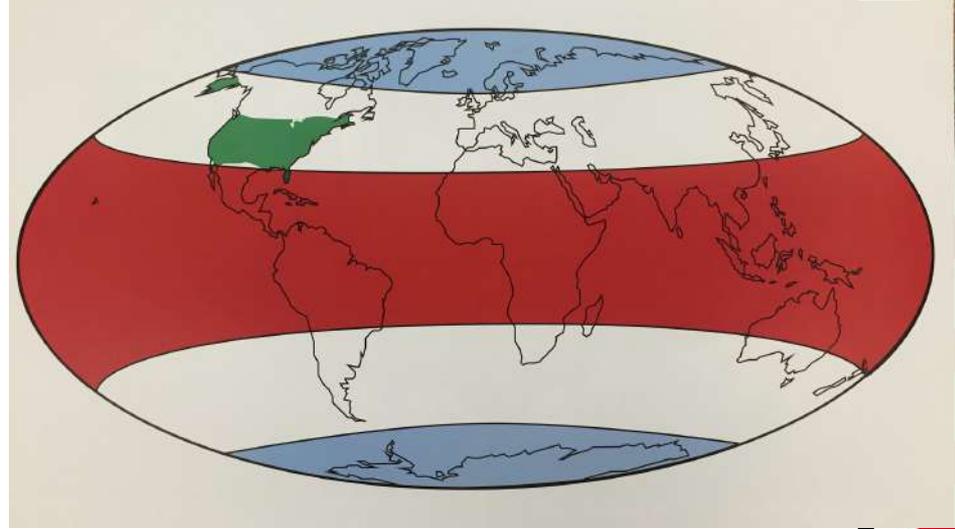
# What's the Weather Like?

This is the South Pole, which is located on the continent of Antarctica. It is one of the coldest places on Earth. The ground is covered by ice all year long, though it almost never rains or snows here. The wind can be strong, and the temperatures can be freezing cold.



# What's the Weather Like?

I've colored the middle area of this map red. The color red is often used to stand for things that are hot. The weather pattern in this area is usually very warm all year long. The biggest change in the weather during different times of the year is the amount of rain.



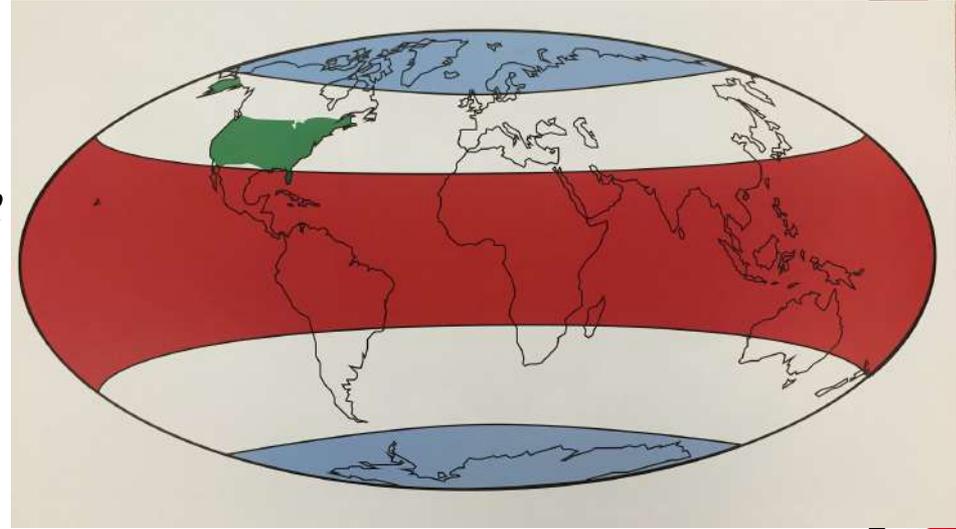
# What's the Weather Like?

During certain months in the rainforest, the day may start off warm and sunny, but by afternoon it may rain very, very hard. This weather pattern may occur almost every day! The area gets lots of rain and sun almost year round. The rain and sun keep the plants and trees green and healthy.



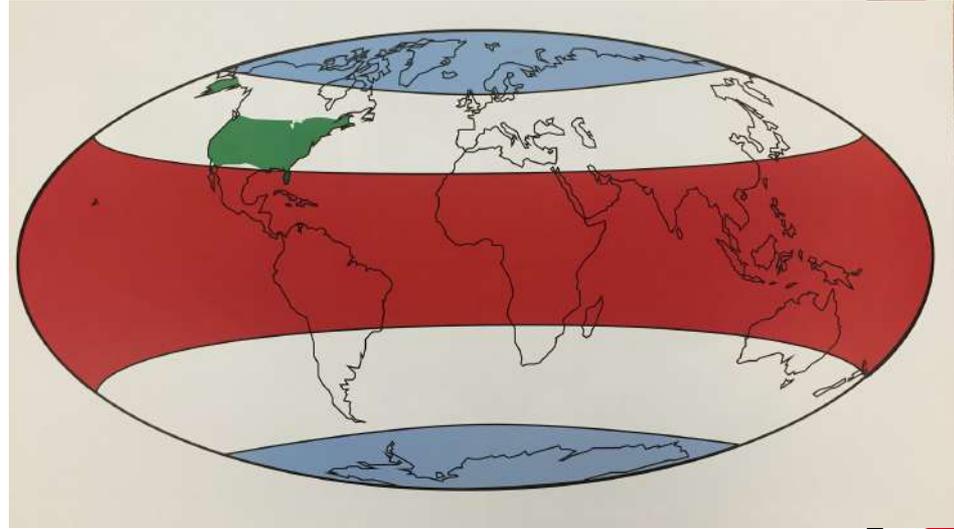
# What's the Weather Like?

Do you see the part of this map that is colored green? This is most of the United States, the country where we live. Most of the United States is on the continent of North America, although the state of Hawaii is made up of islands located in the Pacific Ocean.



# What's the Weather Like?

*In most of the United States, it's not always cold, like at the North and South Poles, and it's not always hot, like at the middle section of the earth. The weather in most of the United States changes with every season, so we get cold weather, hot weather, and everything in between.*



# What's the Weather Like?

There are four seasons in a year: winter, spring, summer, and autumn. Here the word seasons means the different times of the year. The word seasons can have other meanings. The word seasons also means add spice to food to give it more flavor.



# What's the Weather Like?

Each season has different weather, so the weather in the United States changes depending on where you live and which season it is. Plants, trees, grass, and flowers change in different seasons. You will also see different kinds of animals in different seasons.



# What's the Weather Like?

This image shows the season called winter. Winter is the coldest season. In some places, snow and ice cover the ground during wintertime. Other places that do not have snow and ice are still colder in winter than in other seasons. Some animals, like bears, sleep during the winter season.



# What's the Weather Like?

Eventually, winter ends and spring begins. The word eventually means that something happened after some time has passed. In Spring, the sun shines a little longer and warmer each day, which melts the ice and snow. The snow and ice turn to water as the sun's warmth gets stronger.



# What's the Weather Like?

*In spring, new leaves appear on the trees, new plants grow up from the warming earth, and flowers bloom again. Many baby animals are born during the spring too!*



# What's the Weather Like?

After spring comes summer.

Summer is the hottest season of the year in the United States.

Summer is the season in which all the plants are at their greenest-- full of leaves, flowers and fruit.

Birds, bugs, and other animals are easiest to spot in the summer.



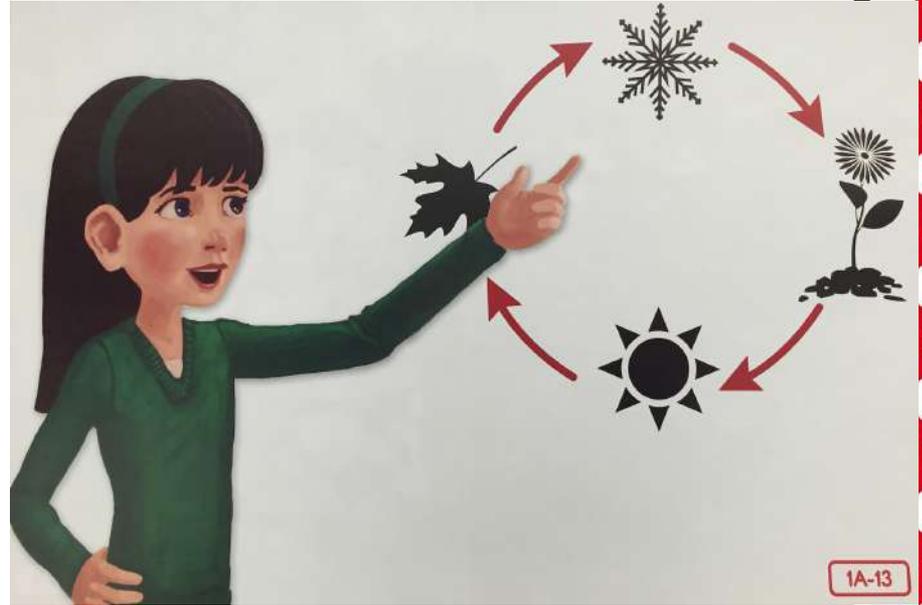
# What's the Weather Like?

Finally, after summer comes autumn. Autumn is also called "fall". In most places in the United States, the leaves change colors and fall off certain types of trees in autumn. The air outside gets cooler and the sun shines a little less each day. Autumn is when farmers harvest their fruits and vegetables, birds fly south, and everyone gets ready for winter.



# What's the Weather Like?

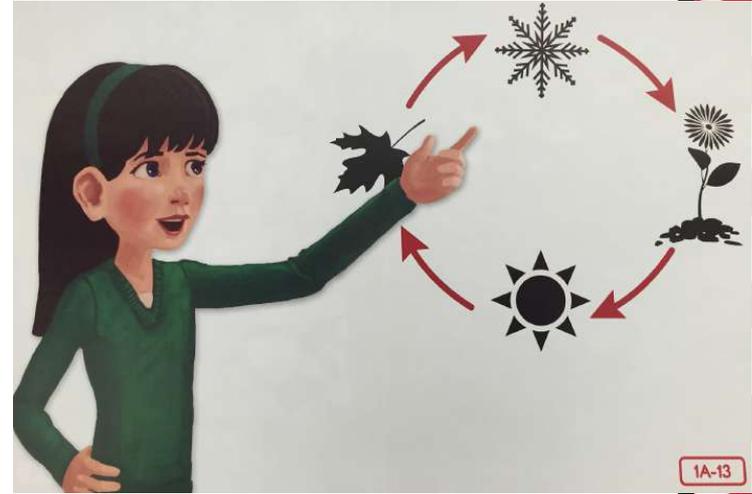
Let's say the seasons together: winter, spring, summer, and autumn. Do you know what season it is right now where you live? How do you know? Each season has its own special characteristics. Characteristics are ways we can describe and group things. Each season has things that make it different from the others.



# What's the Weather Like?

For example, a characteristic of summer is hot weather, and a characteristic of winter is snow.

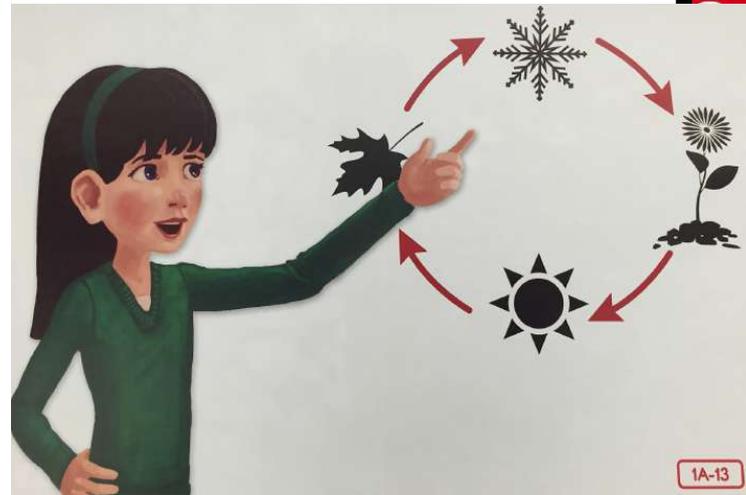
The seasons are different depending on where you live. Not all places get snow in the winter, and not all places are steaming hot in the summer. But one thing is for sure: no matter where you live, the seasons always change in the same order, year after year.



# What's the Weather Like?

When something happens over and over again in the same order, it's called a cycle. Every year the cycle of the seasons begins in winter, followed by spring, summer and autumn, and back to winter.

I'll be talking about my hometown, Washington D.C., a lot in my letters, but the characteristics of the four seasons where you live might be a little different.

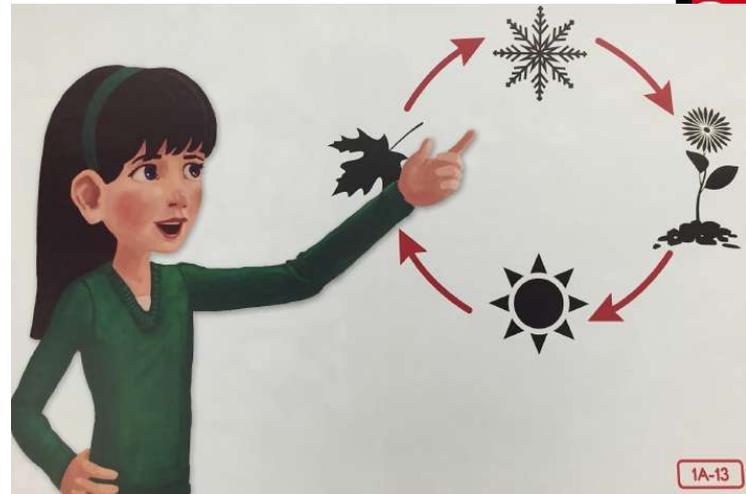


# What's the Weather Like?

*It will be fun to see if your weather is different from mine!*

*I'll say goodbye for now, but I will write again soon. Until then, I hope you are enjoying beautiful weather where you live!*

*Your friend,  
Annie*



# What's the Weather Like?

Comprehension Questions:

**Literal**

PLEASE ANSWER IN  
COMPLETE SENTENCES.

Where does Annie, our pen pal, live?

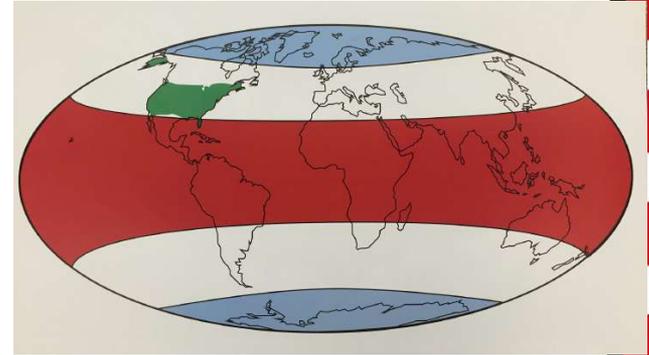
# What's the Weather Like?

Comprehension Questions:

**Literal**

Which area on the map is always cold? Which area on the map is usually warm?

PLEASE ANSWER IN  
COMPLETE SENTENCES.



# What's the Weather Like?

Comprehension Questions:

**Literal**

Please answer in  
complete sentences.

When something happens over and over again, it is called a cycle. Name the four seasons, in the order in which they occur in most of the United States.

# What's the Weather Like?

Comprehension Questions:

**Literal**

PLEASE ANSWER IN  
COMPLETE SENTENCES.

Which season is the coldest? Which season is the hottest?

# What's the Weather Like?

Comprehension Questions:

**Inferential**

PLEASE ANSWER IN  
COMPLETE SENTENCES.

What are some characteristics of, or ways to describe, autumn?

# What's the Weather Like?

Comprehension Questions:

**Inferential**

PLEASE ANSWER IN  
COMPLETE SENTENCES.

What are some characteristics of, or ways to describe, spring?

# Think Pair Share



I'm going to ask you a question. I will give you a minute to think about the question, and then I will ask you to turn to your neighbor and discuss the question. Finally I will call on several of you to share what you discussed with your partner.

# Think Pair Share



**Evaluative:**

What were the most interesting facts that you learned from the read aloud today? Why did you find them interesting?

# **Word Work**

*Explicit Vocabulary Instruction*

# What's the Weather Like?

In the read aloud you heard, "Each season has its own special **characteristics**."

Say the word **characteristics** with me.

Whisper characteristics to the ceiling.  
Whisper characteristics to your neighbor.  
Let's clap it out.

# What's the Weather Like?

**Characteristics** are ways we can describe and group people and things.

Characteristics of summer in the United States include hot temperatures and a lot of sunshine.

# What's the Weather Like?

Describe some characteristics of the person sitting next to you. Try to use the word characteristics when you describe your neighbor.

“Some characteristics of \_\_\_\_\_ are ...”

*What's the Weather Like?*

*What's the word we have been talking  
about?*

*Let's clap it out.*

# What's the Weather Like?

I'm going to name some characteristics of people. If any of the things I say are examples of characteristics of a good friend, put your thumbs up. If what I say isn't a good friend characteristic, put your thumbs down.

# What's the Weather Like?



Thumbs Up = Characteristic of a good friend



Thumbs Down = Not a characteristic of a good friend.

*being a good listener.*



# What's the Weather Like?



Thumbs Up = Characteristic of a good friend



Thumbs Down = Not a characteristic of a good friend.

*sharing*



# What's the Weather Like?



Thumbs Up = Characteristic of a good friend



Thumbs Down = Not a characteristic of a good friend.

*always wanting to do things his or her way.*



# What's the Weather Like?



Thumbs Up = Characteristic of a good friend



Thumbs Down = Not a characteristic of a good friend.

*being fun to play with.*

