

Winter

Remember yesterday we talked about how different parts of the earth experience different types of weather? In most of the United States, there are four seasons and each season has distinct characteristics, or clearly different ways to describe them.

Who can identify the proper sequence the four seasons of the year are experienced in the United States?

Winter



Winter

What are some characteristics of winter?

Winter is different from the other seasons. It is the coldest season, and some areas of the United States have snow and ice. Yesterday you learned that some animals seek shelter from the cold in winter, much like people do. Many animals sleep during the winter seasons.

Winter

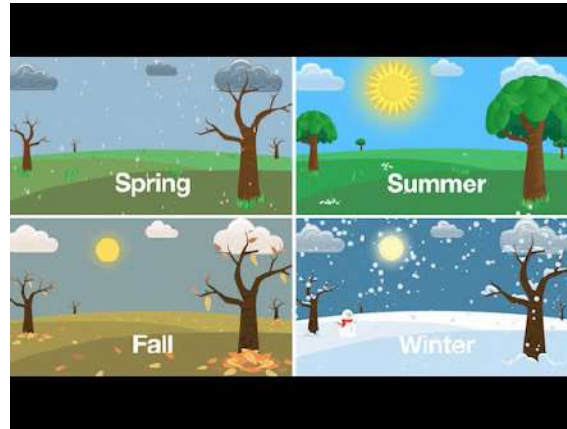
Today you will hear about the first season in the cycle of the seasons--winter. In the United States, the season of winter begins in the month of December and includes the months of January and February. We are currently in the winter season.

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I'm going to need your help during the read aloud today. I will want you to make this shivering motion whenever you hear the word winter in the read aloud.



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Today you will listen to a new letter from your pen pal, Annie, about the season of winter. The main topic or idea of today's lesson is winter. Listen carefully so that you can tell me about the characteristics of, or ways to describe winter.



Winter

Dear Kindergartners,

Hi from your pen pal, Annie!
In my last letter, I told you
about the four seasons that
occur in many parts of the
United States--winter, spring,
summer, and autumn.



Winter

Today I'm going to tell you about winter. What kinds of things do you think of when I say winter? Snowmen? Icicles? I'll tell you what I think of: cold!

Remember to shiver when I read the word winter.



Winter

Winter is the coldest season of the year in most of the United States. The shortest day of the year is on December 21st. It's called the shortest day of the year because it is the day with the least amount of light.



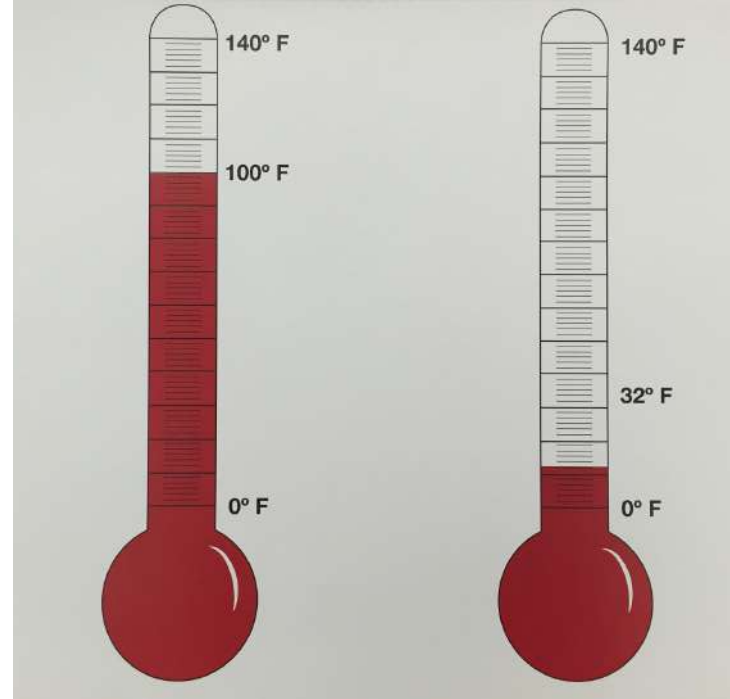
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It marks the beginning of winter. Winter also includes the months of January and February.



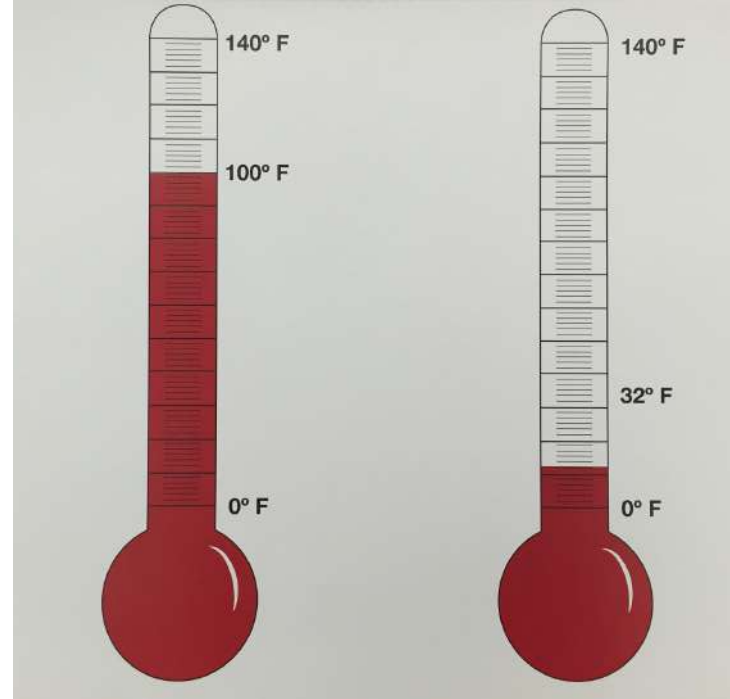
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It can get very cold in the winter in most of the United States. We can tell just how cold it is by using a tool called a thermometer. A thermometer measures temperature, which is a number we use to talk about how hot or cold it is.



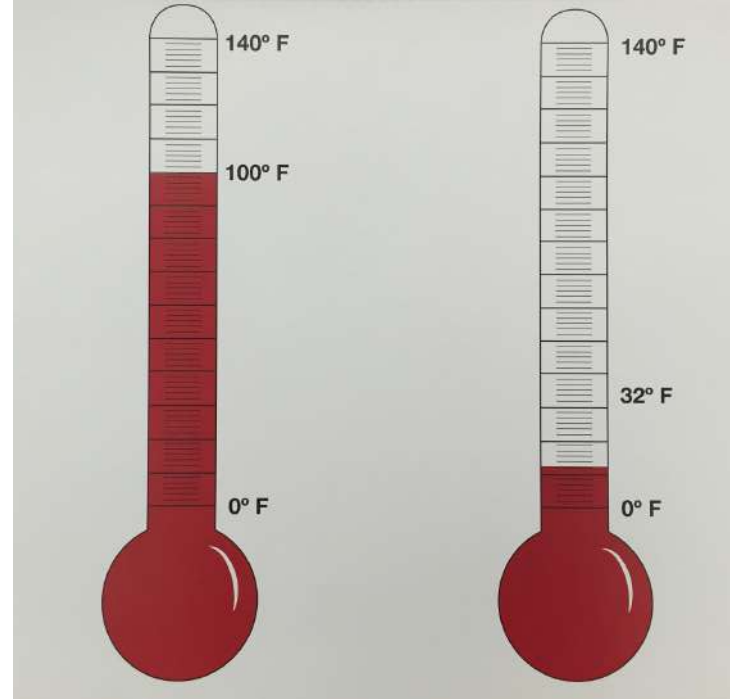
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When it is hot outside, the liquid in the thermometer rises toward the top. When it is cold outside, the liquid in the thermometer stays down near the bottom. Let's look at a real thermometer. Is it hot or cold when the liquid rises to the top?



Winter

Is it hot or cold when the liquid stays low down in the thermometer? Think of warm up and cool down to help you remember. Which thermometer in this picture shows what the temperature might be like in the winter?



Winter

Another way that you can tell it is wintertime is by the way people are dressed. What are the people in the picture wearing that helps them stay warm in the winter? Winter clothing is made to protect you from the cold and to keep your body nice and warm while you spend time outside.



Winter

Hats, mittens, and scarves help you stay warm in the winter.



Winter

It is usually cold during the winter where I live in Washington, D.C. Sometimes it even gets cold enough to snow! I wish it would snow every day, but the temperature must fall below freezing--below 32 degrees Fahrenheit--in order for it to snow.



Winter

If the air between the clouds and the ground is below the freezing point, then, instead of rain, snowflakes will probably fall. Remember, the freezing point is the temperature at which a liquid turns into a solid, or rain turns into snow and ice.



Winter

Some years, Washington, D.C., gets heavy snowstorms known as blizzards that bring city traffic to a halt or to a stop, and force the schools to close. Blizzards are snowstorms with lots of snow and lots of wind. They make it difficult for people to walk and drive.



Winter

There are other years when it only snows once or twice. This means that some winters are colder and snowier than others in Washington, D.C. What is it like during the winter where you live? Does it ever snow?



Winter

When it snows, everyone works together to clear the snow. People use snow shovels to shovel snow off walkways so that others do not slip and get hurt.



Winter

In many places where it snows, snowplows get to work clearing the streets. The big plow on the front of the truck scrapes the snow and ice from the streets. These trucks also carry salt or other chemicals, which they spread on the roads as they pass. Have you ever seen a truck like this before?



Winter

The salt and chemicals melt the remaining ice and keep new ice from forming, which makes the roads safer for people to drive their cars.

People should always drive and walk slowly and cautiously, or carefully, in the snow.



Winter

Snow and ice are slippery, and whether you are walking or driving, you should use extra caution when the ground is covered with snow and ice.



Winter

I always cheer up when it starts to snow because I love to play in the snow. I like to build snowmen and have snowball fights with my friends.



Winter

Another way to have fun in the snow is to go sledding! After a big snow, all you need is a nice steep hill, warm clothes, and something to ride on to go sledding.



Winter

After playing or working outside in the winter, it is always nice to come back inside to get warm again. Some homes have fireplaces, where people light logs on fire to help warm the house. I love reading a good book by the warm fire.



Winter

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Winter

Winter is also a time when some people from different religions celebrate holidays. Christmas, a Christian holiday, comes on December 25th. Hanukkah, a Jewish holiday, also falls around this time, as does Kwanzaa, a week long holiday celebrated by some African Americans.



Winter

To celebrate these and other holidays in wintertime, sometimes people string colorful lights around their homes and neighborhoods. You should see Washington D.C. during the holiday season: all of the lights make it a magical place.



Winter

Another important winter holiday falls on December 31, which is the last day of the year. This day is called New Year's Eve. January 1st, the day after December 31st, marks the beginning of a new year. January 1st is called New Year's Day.



Winter

On New Year's Day, many people make resolutions, or lists of things they would like to do better in the new year.



Winter

Luck and good fortune are common themes for the Lunar New Year, also known as Chinese New Year, which is a holiday that falls around the end of January and beginning of February. The color red, thought to be a sign of good fortune and happiness, is the color chosen to wear during the festivities.



Winter

Homes are decorated with red paper cut into designs, and happy wishes written on red paper are also hung throughout the house. Children often receive red envelopes with money tucked inside; the people who receive these envelopes are also supposed to receive good fortune in the New Year.



Winter

Feasting on fish, pork, poultry, tangerines, oranges, dumplings, and special cakes, families gather to wish each other good luck.

There are so many fun things to do during the winter! What's your favorite part of winter?



Winter

Comprehension Questions:

Inferential

PLEASE answer in
COMPLETE sentences.

What is the main topic, or main idea, of today's lesson?

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Comprehension Questions:

Literal

PLEASE answer in
COMPLETE sentences.

In the United States, during which months is the season of winter?

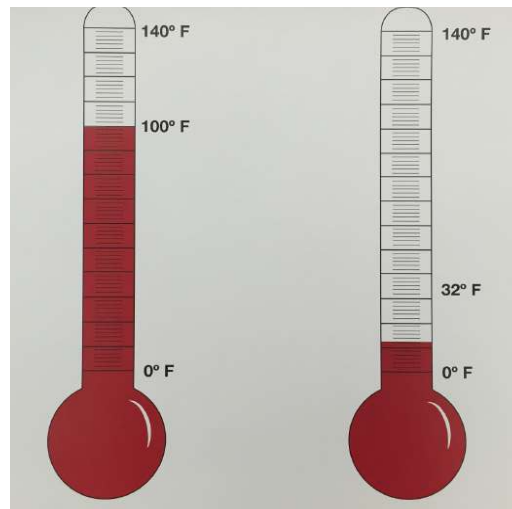
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How do you dress for winter?

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Comprehension Questions:

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What happens to rain when the temperature drops below the freezing point?

Winter

Comprehension Questions:

Evaluative

PLEASE answer in
COMPLETE sentences.

Name some good things and some bad things
about lots of falling snow.

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 is your favorite wintertime activity or holiday? Why is it your favorite?

Word Work

Explicit Vocabulary Instruction

Winter

In the read aloud you heard, "Of course, having a few extra blankets on the bed is always a good idea on those **frigid** winter nights."

Say the word **frigid** with me.
Whisper frigid to the ceiling.
Whisper frigid to your neighbor.
Let's clap it out.

Winter

Frigid means very cold.

My hands were frigid because I was playing outside in the snow without gloves!

Winter

*Tell about a time when the weather felt frigid.
Try to use the word frigid when you tell about it.*

“The weather felt frigid when...”

Winter

What's the word we have been talking
about?

Let's clap it out.

Winter

The opposite of frigid is very hot. If any of the things I describe sound like they are frigid, say, "_____ is frigid." If any of the things I describe sound like they are very hot, say, "_____ is very hot."

Winter

The temperature during a blizzard



Winter

a boiling pot of water



Winter

*the way your nose feels when you are outside in
the snow*



Winter

a typical summer afternoon



Winter

popsicles in the freezer

