

Summer

Remember 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?

Summer

So far, you have learned about two of the four seasons, winter and spring. Let's look at our comparison charts and review the specific information you have already learned about winter and spring.



Summer

After spring, the next season in the cycle is summer. In the United States, the season of spring begins in the month of June and includes the months of July and August.

What is the date today? Is it summer yet?

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I'm going to need your help during the read aloud today. I will want you to pretend pretend to shield your eyes from the sun or pretend you are swimming.



Summer

The main topic, or main idea of today's lesson is summer. Listen carefully for different characteristics of the summer season.



Summer

Dear Kindergartners,

Hi from your pen pal, Annie!
Today I'm going to tell you
about summer. What kinds of
things do you think of when I
say summer?



Don't forget to pretend to shield your eyes or swim
when I say summer.

Summer

My favorite season of the year is definitely summer because I don't have school during the summer months.

At the beginning of summer, our part of the earth receives the most sunlight that it will get all year long. The days are the longest they will be all year in the summer.

Don't forget to pretend to shield your eyes or swim when I say summer.



Summer

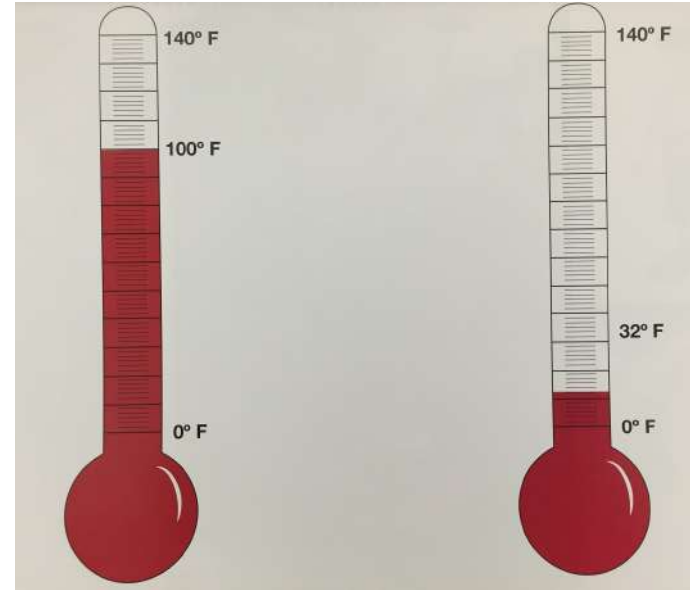
In most of the United States, the summer season begins in the month of June and includes the months of July and August. No matter where you live in the United States, summertime will bring the warmest weather of the year.



Don't forget to pretend to shield your eyes or swim when I say summer.

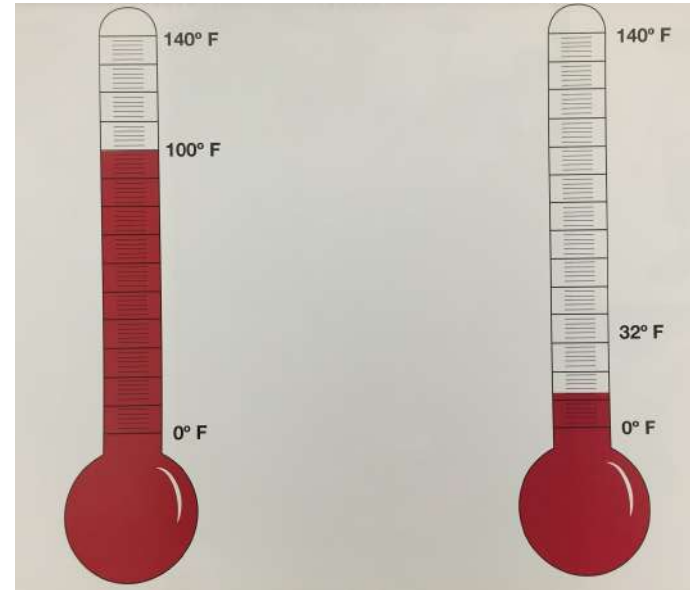
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One way to tell how warm it is outside is to look at a thermometer. Remember that a thermometer is a tool that measures the temperature. When it is cool outside, the liquid in the thermometer stays down in the lower part of the thermometer. When it is warm outside, the liquid rises in the thermometer and comes close to the top.



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Which thermometer do you think shows what the temperature might be like in the summertime?



Summer

Do you remember that when we talked about the winter months, we said you could also tell how cold it was by the way people dress? The same is true in summer. You can tell how warm it is by the way people are dressed. All of these people are dressed for warm weather. What do you notice about the way they are dressed?



Summer

As I've told you before, I live in Washington, D.C., the capital of the United States. My teacher says that Washington, D.C., is a good city to learn about when studying seasons because here the four seasons are distinct, or clearly different from one another. It's easy to tell by walking outside or looking out the window whether it is winter, spring, summer, or autumn.



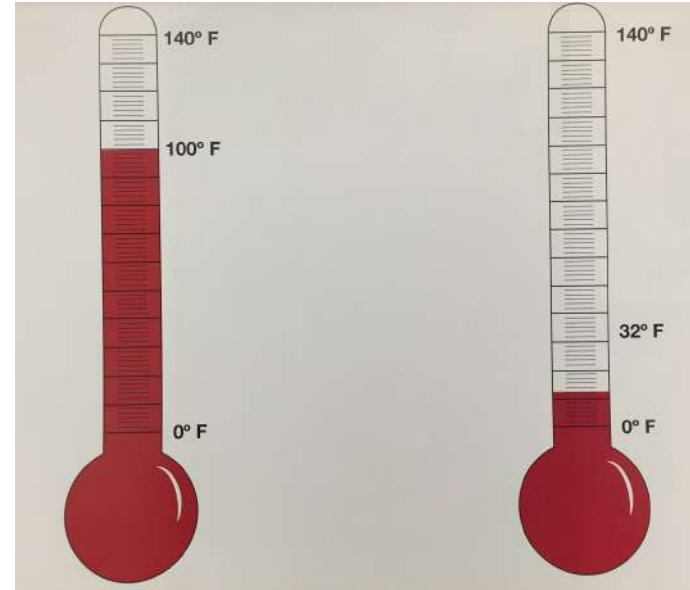
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Summer is the busiest time of year in Washington, D.C., because each year millions of Americans come to visit the famous monuments, museums, and buildings during their summer vacations. The city gets really crowded during the summer, but I like to see all the different kinds of people downtown.



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During the summer, the weather can be very hot in Washington, D.C. See how high the liquid is in the thermometer to the left? It says it is 100 degrees Fahrenheit; that means it is really hot outside! It is a good thing there are so many vendors who sell cold refreshments, like ice cream and snow cones, to help visitors cool off!



Summer

The trees in Washington, D.C. are full of green leaves during the summer. In my neighborhood, there are lots of parks with grassy areas that are mowed so people can enjoy them. On weekends, many of my neighbors are out working in their flower beds and gardens.



Summer

I like to go to the local swimming pool to keep cool in the summer, and lots of other people have the same idea. Everyone at the pool is wearing plenty of sunscreen so they do not get sunburned. Sunscreen protects your skin from the sun and prevents sunburn. Nothing ruins summer fun like a bad sunburn.



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Sometimes you can rest under shady trees to protect yourself from the hot sun. Other people simply stay indoors, or inside a cool building, especially on the hottest days.



Summer

The Fourth of July is the biggest summer holiday, and it is an especially important day in Washington, D.C. The Fourth of July is the birthday of the United States, and many people celebrate the day with family and friends. Lots of my friends have picnics or barbecues and take trips to the beach.



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I like to go to the parades during the day on the Fourth of July and then to the booming, colorful fireworks at night. I also love eating lots of watermelon!

Thanks to the Fourth of July and trips to the pool and beach, I always think of fun times when I think about summer. What is it like during the summer where you live?

Your friend,
Annie



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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
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Name the summer months.

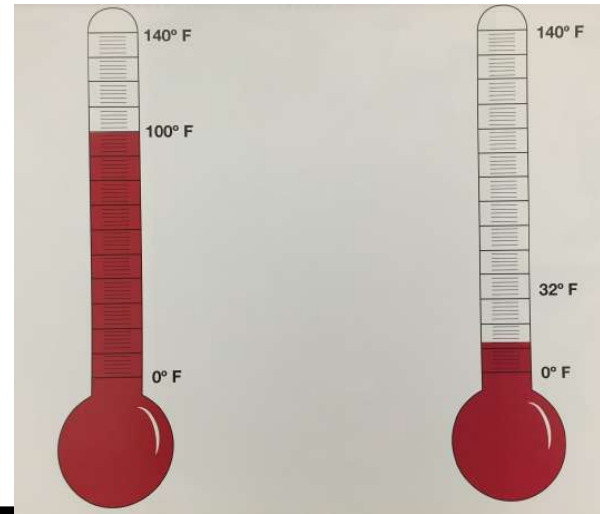
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Comprehension Questions:

Literal

What do thermometers do?

PLEASE answer in
COMPLETE sentences.



Summer

Comprehension Questions:

Inferential

PLEASE answer in
COMPLETE sentences.

When it is hot outside, is the liquid in the thermometer close to the top or close to the bottom?

Summer

Comprehension Questions:

Inferential

PLEASE answer in
COMPLETE sentences.

Does the daylight on summer days last longer or shorter than on winter days?

Summer

Comprehension Questions:

Inferential

PLEASE answer in
COMPLETE sentences.

How is the way you dress on a hot summer day different from the way you dress for winter?

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 activity in the summer? Why is it your favorite?

Word Work

Explicit Vocabulary Instruction

Summer

In the read aloud you heard, “My teacher says that Washington, D.C., is actually a good city to learn about when studying seasons because here the four seasons are distinct from one another.”

Say the word **distinct** with me.

Whisper distinct to the ceiling.

Whisper distinct to your neighbor.

Let's clap it out.

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Distinct means clearly different.

Someone might notice the distinct smell of roses in a flower shop, meaning that the smell of roses stands out from the smells of the other flowers.

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Tell about something that makes you distinct from your classmates. Try to use the word distinct when you tell about what makes you different.

“One thing that makes me distinct is...”

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

Let's clap it out.