

## SEASONS AND WEATHER

There are four seasons in a year: winter, spring, summer and autumn. Each of them lasts three months.

Summer is my favourite season. June, July and August are summer months. When summer comes, the weather gets warmer and sometimes it can be very hot. In summer people spend much time in the open» They find time to go to the forest or to swim in the river. Schoolchildren like their summer holidays.

Autumn comes in September with the beginning of the school year. It is the time when fruit and vegetables become ripe. It is a very beautiful time of the year when the weather is still warm and the leaves change their colour from green to yellow and red. But then it gets colder. The leaves fall from the trees and cover the ground. Birds fly away to warm countries. Then winter comes.

Winter is usually a cold season. It often snows, rivers and lakes are frozen. The sun sets early and rises late —

especially in December and January. The days are short, the sky is often grey. Every New Year begins in winter on the first of January. It's a holiday and people **decorate** their flats with **New Year trees**.

Spring begins in March. The weather gets better and the sun shines more brightly. The days become longer. The birds return from the South and make their nests. It sometimes rains but the sky is usually bright-blue and it is warm.

### Words

**season** — время года

**each** — каждый

**to last** — длиться

**in the open** — на воздухе

**fruit** — фрукты

**vegetables** — овощи

**ripe** — спелый

**still** — все еще

**warm** — теплый

**cold** — холодный

**to fall** — падать

**to cover** — покрывать

**to set** — садиться

**to rise** — вставать

**to decorate** — украшать

**New Year tree** — елка

**frozen** — замерзший

**to return** — возвращаться

**nest** — гнездо

1. How many seasons are **there** in a year?
2. Do people try to spend more time in the open air in summer?
3. Why do we like spring so much?
4. Is summer the best season for tourism?
5. Where did you go last summer?
6. What is the weather like in winter?
7. Do you like winter? Why?
8. Do you go in for skating or skiing in winter?
9. What do you usually do when the weather is bad in autumn and winter?
10. What is good and what is bad in each season?
11. Why do most people prefer summer to any other season of the year?
12. What is your favourite season?
13. What are the hottest and the coldest seasons in our country?

**Answer the questions here :**