

The Best Preparation for Building Academic Reading Skills and Vocabulary

The Reading Key series is designed to help students to understand American school textbooks and to develop background knowledge in a wide variety of academic topics. This series also provides learners with the opportunity to enhance their reading comprehension skills and vocabulary.

- **Reading Key <Basic 1–4>** is a four-book series designed for beginning learners.
- **Reading Key <Volume 1–3>** is a three-book series designed for beginner to intermediate learners.
- **Reading Key <Volume 4–6>** is a three-book series designed for intermediate to high-intermediate learners.
- **Reading Key <Volume 7–9>** is a three-book series designed for high-intermediate learners.

Features

- A wide variety of topics that cover American school subjects
- Intensive practice for reading skill development
- Building vocabulary through school subjects and themed texts
- Graphic organizers for each passage
- Captivating pictures and illustrations related to the topics

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Syllabus Vol. 1

Subject	Topic & Area	Title
Social Studies ★ History and Geography	Geography Geography Economics Economics	Seasons and Weather Our Land and Water Many Jobs Transportation
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Social Studies



**History and
Geography**

Unit

01

Seasons and Weather

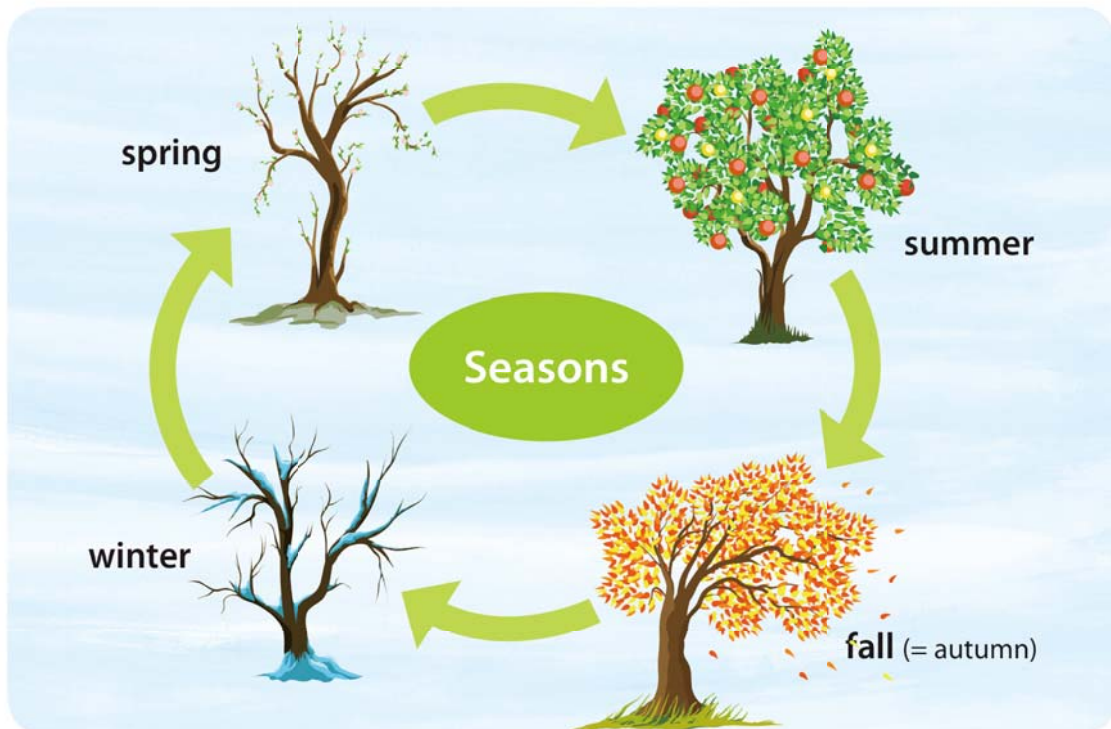
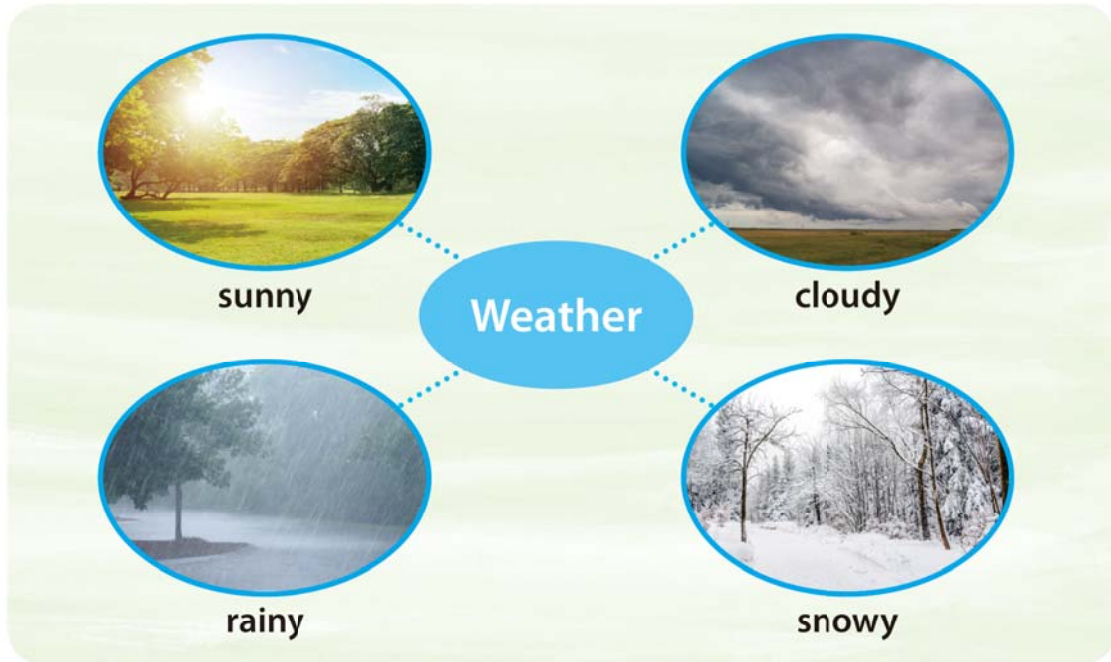


Reading Focus

- What are the four seasons?
- What are some kinds of weather?
- How does weather change?



Key Words



Power Verbs



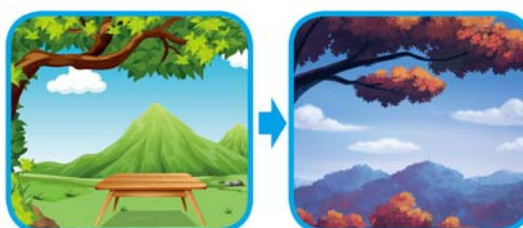
rain
It is **raining**.



snow
It is **snowing**.



bloom
Flowers **bloom**.



change
Leaves **change** colors.

Word Families: Comparative and Superlative

hot < hotter < hottest



cold < colder < coldest



warm < warmer < warmest



cool < cooler < coolest



Seasons and Weather



Look outside.
Is it sunny? Is it cloudy?

Weather changes from day to day.
It can be sunny.
It can be cloudy.
It can be rainy or snowy.

Weather changes from season to season, too.
A year has four seasons.
They are spring, summer, fall, and winter.

Spring is warm.
Flowers begin to bloom in spring.



▲ Flowers bloom in spring.

Summer comes after spring.
Summer is very hot and sunny.
It is the warmest season.



▲ Summer is very sunny.



Fall comes after summer.
Fall is cooler than summer.
Leaves change colors in fall.



▲ Leaves change colors in fall.

Winter comes after fall.
Winter is very cold and snowy.
It is the coldest season.



▲ Winter can be snowy.

Check Understanding

1 Which season does each picture show?

a



b



2 Which season is the coldest?

a summer

b fall

c winter

3 What happens to trees in fall?

a Flowers bloom.

b Leaves change colors.

c Leaves turn green.

4 Summer can be _____.

a hot

b cool

c snowy

• Answer the questions below.

1 What are the four seasons?

⇒ They are _____, _____, _____, and _____.

2 Which season comes after winter?

⇒ _____ comes after winter.

Vocabulary and Grammar Builder



A Look, Read, and Write.

Look at the pictures. Write the correct words.



rainy

bloom

cloudy

change colors



1

▶ The weather can be _____.



2

▶ The weather can be _____.



3

▶ Flowers _____ in spring.



4

▶ Leaves _____ in fall.

B Warmer or Warmest?

Draw a circle around the right words and then write the words.



1 Spring is _____ than winter.
cooler warmer

2 Summer is the _____ season.
coolest warmest

3 Fall is _____ than summer.
cooler warmer

4 Winter is the _____ season.
coldest warmest