

Seasons Connect Four Game

Which events and activities belong to
which season?


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This is a good time for holidays.	The days begin to get shorter.	Insects multiply.
Some days are sunny and cold with frost.		

Autumn?

Summer?

Spring?

Winter?



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This activity was devised for Class 3H at Brocklewood Junior School in Nottingham. They were looking at the difference between weather and climate/seasons and at the time appreciating that we were getting our spring showers rather late into May which is a month that can't decide which season it belongs to. The activity was designed to consolidate appropriate vocabulary and stimulate discussion around how weather affected their own lives.

You will of course need to adapt this activity to your own climate, where you may have only two or more than six seasons. We may develop some comparative work through our work in progress network so please send any adaptations on other climates to the project.

The webaddress for this activity is:

<http://www.collaborativelearning.org/seasons.pdf>

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makes challenging curriculum accessible.
improves social relations in the classroom.
provides scaffolding for exploratory talk.

Basic principles:

1. Build on prior knowledge.
2. Move from concrete to abstract.
3. Ensure everyone works with everyone else.
4. Extend social language into curriculum language.
5. Provide motivating ways to go over the same knowledge more than once.

Good for all pupils!
Vital for EAL pupils!

If you can't talk it, you won't be able to write it!

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Some days are sunny and cold with frost.	You can fly a kite easily.	Some animals decide to go to sleep.
You need heating in your house.	The sun is low in the sky at midday.	You get sun and showers in turn.
You wear thin clothes.	You eat salads and picnics.	You eat soups and stews.

Cut this piece off and stick over the other half of the game board.

How to play. Two teams of two is best. Each team has a set of coloured seasons cards which they shuffle and place face down. Take turns to pick up a card and place on the board. Both teams must agree that it is correct. The aim is to be the first team to get a row of four: vertical, diagonal or horizontal.

<p>It is very windy.</p>	<p>Daffodils and tulips bloom.</p>	<p>People sit and eat outside.</p>
<p>The sun is high in the sky.</p>	<p>Leaves fall from the trees.</p>	<p>Days are short and nights are long.</p>
<p>Some days are very very hot and sticky.</p>	<p>Birds build nests and lay eggs.</p>	<p>It rains quite a lot.</p>
<p>Days are long and nights are short.</p>	<p>Lots of mushrooms grow in the woods.</p>	<p>Some days are cold and grey.</p>
<p>Birds fly away to warmer countries.</p>	<p>Buds appear and new green leaves grow on trees.</p>	<p>There are thunderstorms.</p>

These are the cards for the game which you will need to print in two colours and cut up.

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