

Teacher's Note

- The seasons are the opposite.
- Check student's work for accuracy, grammar, neatness and creativity.

Australia

Depending where you live in the country, weather, temperatures, kind of clothes people wear, activities, animal's habits and vegetation can vary greatly. Please check for accuracy.

Holland

- Winter is cold and icy. It gets dark around 5 p.m. and doesn't get light properly until 8.30 a.m. Often it will snow by Christmas time or just after. Temperatures vary from minus 10°C to just above zero in the daytime. Dutch people dress warmly with thick coats, scarves, hats, mittens and good winter boots to keep their feet warm and dry. Dutch people stay indoors a lot in winter and watch television, listen to the radio, use a computer or read books. They play indoor sports in large sporting complexes and they have heated indoor swimming pools. Some people like ice-skating on frozen local ponds, rivers and canals, or they go to other parts in Europe where they can ski. Some wild birds rely on people to put out seeds for them in birdhouses. These birds have become dependent upon the people because they have always fed them. Some animals sleep in the winter months and don't come out of their holes until spring. Other animals have learned to survive the cold and snow. Most trees lose all their leaves except evergreens. Plants don't grow in winter but survive. Some bulbs are dug up at the start of winter and stored until spring. These bulbs will grow again in spring and produce beautiful flowers. If they didn't dig up these bulbs they would not survive in the frozen, cold ground.
- Spring weather can be fine and sunny or rainy. Temperatures can vary from 10°C to 17°C. Dutch people still dress warmly at this time of the year. Sporting games are sometimes played outdoors if it is not raining but large sporting complexes are still used in spring. Lots of Dutch people like going for bike-rides and enjoy the change of weather. Birds lay eggs and hatch them. Other animals will have young and come out of their holes, enjoying the warmer weather. Lots of Dutch people like gardening this time of the year and spent time planting flower bulbs or vegetables. Trees and shrubs start budding, forming new leaves and flowering.
- Summer weather is often fine and sunny with temperatures varying between 18°C and 30°C. It stays light until about 10 p.m. Dutch people will still wear jumpers on cooler days or loose, cotton summer clothes. Sport and recreation is often outdoors using sporting fields. Dutch people can use outdoor swimming pools or still use the indoor pools if they wish. Animals raise their young during the summer months and trees and plants are in full growth displaying their brilliant colours everywhere.
- Autumn sees the weather change to rain and cold winds. Temperatures drop anything from 17°C to 5°C. People change back into their warm clothes and return to indoor sport and activities. Animals get busy gathering food to overwinter and find places to stay for the winter months. Trees and plants start losing their leaves, displaying brilliant autumn colours like yellow, orange, brown and gold.

Suggested Activities:

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Overarching: 1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,10,12. **Linking Subjects:** Eng, Sci & Arts.