

Task 1

Choose the correct variant:

1. The coldest season of the year is ...

- a) autumn
- b) winter
- c) spring
- d) summer

2. The hottest season of the year is ...

- a) autumn
- b) winter
- c) spring
- d) summer

3. Pupils have the longest holidays in ...

- a) autumn
- b) winter
- c) spring
- d) summer

4. September, October, November are the months of the ...

- a) autumn
- b) winter
- c) spring
- d) summer

5. Spring has three months: March, April and ...

- a) June
- b) July
- c) May
- d) August

6. New Year starts in ...

- a) January
- b) February
- c) November

d) December

7. Winter months are: December, January and ...

a) September

b) October

c) November

d) February

8. Pupils begin to go to school in ...

a) June

b) July

c) August

d) September

9. We go to school on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and ...

a) Friday

b) Saturday

c) Sunday

d) July

10. The last day of the week is ...

a) Sunday

b) Monday

c) Tuesday

d) Wednesday

11. Rest days are Saturday and ...

a) Thursday

b) Friday

c) Sunday

d) Monday

12. After Monday goes ...

a) Tuesday

b) Wednesday

c) Thursday

d) Friday

Task 2

Fill in the blanks

1. A year has 365 days.
2. A leap year has 366 days.
3. A year has 12 months.
4. A year has 4 seasons.
5. A season has 3 months.
6. A season has 12 weeks.
7. A season has 91 days.
8. A month has 4 weeks.
9. A week has 7 days.
10. A day has 12 hours.
11. A full-day has 24 hours.
12. An hour has 60 minutes.
13. A minute has 60 seconds.

Task 3

Answer the questions

1. What season is after spring?
2. What season is before winter?
3. What season is between autumn and spring?
4. What season is after winter?
5. What month is before January?
6. What month is after February?
7. What month is between April and June?
8. What month is between September and November?
9. What day of the week is after Tuesday?
10. What day of the week is before Thursday?
11. What day of the week is between Friday and Sunday?
12. What day of the week is after Wednesday?

Task 4

Read the text

The first day of spring

Friday, March 20 is the first day of spring in the Northern Hemisphere.

Spring is a season. There are four seasons in a year, spring, summer, autumn and winter. Each season is marked by different weather and hours of daylight.

It's easy to know when spring is on the way. The Sun rises earlier in the morning and sets later in the day. The days also start to get warmer.

In the UK we say, March comes in like a lion and goes out like a lamb, meaning the start of March is usually wet and cold (the lion), while the end of the month, when spring begins, is mild and pleasant (the lamb).

The first day of spring is an equinox - one of two days a year when The Sun shines directly on the equator. On these special days, day and night are the same length of time.

Equinoxes are not to be confused with solstices. Solstices are opposite on either side of the equator, so the summer solstice in the Northern Hemisphere is the winter solstice in the Southern Hemisphere and vice versa.

The June solstice is the longest day of the year for people in the Northern Hemisphere, north of the equator. The winter solstice is the shortest day of the year; it is the day with the least amount of daylight. In the Southern Hemisphere the first day of spring is in September.

Task 5

Now answer the questions based on the text:

1) Spring starts in March in:

Australia

Europe

South America

2) Spring follows:

Autumn

Winter

Summer

3) According to the proverb, March:

Starts warm and ends cold

Starts cold and ends warm

Is a good time to see animals

4) The middle of the earth is called the:

Equator

Equinox

Hemisphere

Solstice

5) On an equinox:

Night is longer than day

Day and night are equal

Day is longer than night

6) On the summer solstice:

Night is longer than day

Day is longer than night

Day and night are equal

7) Daylight means:

Sunshine

Dawn

Morning

One day

Task 6

Read the text

Weather in the UK

The weather affects everyone, and everyone has something to say about the weather. This is especially true in a country like the UK that has very changeable weather. In the UK the weather from one day to the next can be completely different, or even from the morning to the afternoon. The weather can change from being rainy one day to sunny the next, or from strong wind and gales in the morning to snow in the afternoon.

In the UK there are four seasons, spring, summer, autumn and winter, and the weather is different in each of them. However, there is not a sudden change between the seasons. The end of the winter season is the same as the start of the spring season. It takes several weeks for the weather to change enough for people to notice the difference.

The summer is the season with the best weather. In general, it is hot and sunny with only a little rain sometimes. However, it can sometimes be cold and wet for one or two weeks at a time. British people like to spend a lot of time outside when it is nice in the summer. After the summer is the autumn. In this season the weather gets colder and there are stronger winds, also it will rain more. All the leaves will start to fall off the trees as it is cold. Frost might start to form on the ground towards the end of the autumn.

Winter is the coldest season in the UK. The temperature will often be at zero degrees Celsius. This means that ice will often form on the ground overnight where there were puddles. This makes it difficult to walk sometimes. There might also be snow, but the UK does not get much snow, mainly just cold rain in the winter. Then when winter ends the spring starts. The temperature will start to get warmer and the winds will not be as strong. Plants start to grow again and new leaves form. It is always nice when the spring starts as it means the nice weather in the summer is nearly back again.

Many people in the UK complain about the weather, but as the weather changes so much it is very interesting and gives the people something to talk about all year round.

Task 7

Choose the correct variant

1) How can the weather in the UK be described?

- A) Boring
- B) Wet
- C) Changeable
- D) Humid

2) How quickly can the weather change?

- A) From one week to the next.
- B) From one morning to afternoon.
- C) From one day to the next day.
- D) The weather does not change much.

3) How many seasons are there in the UK?

- A) Two
- B) Three
- C) Four
- D) Five

4) When will frost first start to form on the ground?

- A) In the spring
- B) In the summer
- C) In the autumn
- D) In the winter

5) Why do people like the spring?

- A) It means the summer is nearly back.
- B) It is not winter.
- C) It is the shortest season.
- D) It only happens every other year.