

Summer

Summer is one of the four seasons; it is the season that comes after spring. In summer, the days are the longest and nights are the shortest. It is also the hottest season. Summer begins in June and finishes in August.



What happens to the animals?

Many lovely birds visit England during the summer, such as ospreys. Ospreys are birds of prey that can typically be found near the sea and freshwater. They are amazing fishers and they plunge into water feet first to catch fish.

Beautiful butterflies can be seen flitting around gardens in the sunshine. They go through a four-stage life cycle: egg, caterpillar, pupa and winged adult.

If you visit the beach or go out to sea in the summer, you might be able to spot seals or basking sharks. If you carefully search a rockpool, you may be able to find small fish such as goby, butterfish, blenny or pipefish. You might even be lucky enough to see prawns and shrimps!

What foods are in season in summer?

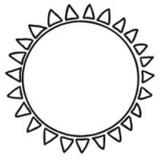
During the summer lots of fruit and vegetables are available locally, which is great and helps support farmers. So many are in season in the summer, for example strawberries, peaches, apricots, runner beans and tomatoes.

What is celebrated in summer?

Schools and universities usually have a summer holiday which is the longest break from school. It is usually around 6 weeks long. Because it is often the season where we have the hottest weather, many people enjoy spending more time outside during the summer. You might choose to take part in some fun activities and do things like visit the beach, have a picnic or barbecue, or play cricket, golf or tennis. There are also water sports available including swimming, water skiing, surfing, body boarding and wake boarding.

The Summer Olympic Games are usually held in August. The first Summer Olympic Games was held in 1896 and the event occurs every four years. This is an international multi-sport event where over 10,000 competitors represent many different countries and compete to win gold, silver and bronze medals.

Questions about Summer



Answer the questions below in full sentences.

1. What are the days and nights like in this season?

2. What are ospreys?

3. What are they good at and how do they do it?

4. What can butterflies often be seen doing in summer and where?

5. List five foods that are in season in summer.

6. Name 2 activities and 2 water sports you could take part in during the summer.

7. Which sporting event is usually held in the summer?

8. When was this event first held and how often does it occur?

9. What type of event is it?

10. Who takes part and what do they win?
