

# Mystery Season

**Activity:** Think of the four seasons—summer, fall, winter, and spring. Which season is your favorite? Write a paragraph about your favorite season, using words that show how special it is. Describe what your surroundings look like and what activities you can do. Explain why it is your favorite season.

Now for the tricky part! Write your paragraph without saying the name of the season! Instead, say things such as, "My favorite time of year..." or "I think the world is at its best when..." When you are done, have your classmates read your paragraph. Could they guess which season you were writing about?

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# Why Seasons Change



There are many myths about the seasons. One myth is from ancient Greece. In the myth, Persephone was the daughter of the harvest goddess Demeter. Hades, the god of the underworld, fell in love with Persephone and took her to his underworld. Persephone's mom searched for her everywhere. Zeus, the king of the gods, told Demeter where she was. Then Zeus said Persephone could return to her mom for a portion of each year.

Why do we have seasons according to the ancient Greeks? When Persephone lives with Hades, Demeter is unhappy, and all the plants die. When Persephone returns, Demeter is happy, and all the plants grow again.

**Activity:** Now it is your turn. Make up a myth about why we have seasons. Your myth can be about an animal. It can be modern, or it can take place long ago. Use your imagination!

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