

# Spring in Australia

There are four seasons during a year. The four seasons are spring, summer, autumn and winter. Each season lasts for three months. In Australia, spring happens during September, October and November.

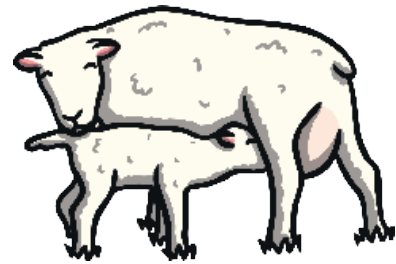


## Weather in Spring

In spring, the days become warmer and longer. There is more daylight in spring than in winter. During spring, the weather is mixed as it can be warm, cool and rainy.

## Animals in Spring

In spring, many animals and birds have their young. There is more food and the days are longer for the parents to find food. Animals may also start to shed their winter coat because of the warmer weather.



Animals that hibernate will start to wake up and become active. Hibernation is the way some animals survive during the colder months. They find somewhere safe and stay there until spring. The breathing of some animals slows down and, during the winter, they do not eat. Native Australian animals that hibernate are some types of possums, bats and echidnas.



## Plants in Spring

Plants need water and sunlight to grow. Spring provides the perfect environment for new growth. Flowers may start to bloom with the warmer weather. Fruits, such as apples, pears, avocados, lemons, mandarins and strawberries, also begin to grow.

Deciduous trees (trees that lose their leaves for winter) will grow their leaves once again. Almost all native trees in Australia are evergreens - they do not lose their leaves during winter.

# Questions

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# Answers

1. How long is spring?

**Spring is three months long.**

2. Which season comes after spring?

**After spring comes summer.**

3. Describe the weather in spring.

**In spring, the weather can be windy, warm, cool or rainy.**

4. How does hibernation help some animals survive?

**Answers will vary but be like: Hibernation helps some animals survive because they hide somewhere safe and will be safe from predators.**

**Also, there might be less food available so they do not have to eat while they are asleep.**

5. What do two ways plants change in spring?

**In spring, plants may change by growing new leaves, growing fruit or having flowers bloom.**

6. What is the difference between a deciduous and an evergreen tree?

**A deciduous and evergreen tree are different as a deciduous tree loses its leaves for winter and grows them back in spring. Evergreen trees keep their leaves all year around.**

7. How do you think spring affects people?

**Answers will vary.**