Why are there different seasonal calendars?





In many areas of Australia, time and seasons run differently.

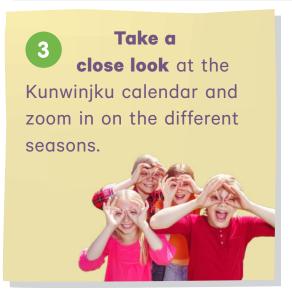
Australia is a very big country, that means places can have different times and seasons.

Look at the red dot.
This is Gunbalanya.
It is in the north (top) of
Australia. Can you
describe where in Australia
you live?

Visit these websites about seasons in Australia.



Aboriginal and Torres Strait
Islander Peoples often
follow their own calendars,
which describe their local
weather, animals and plants.
The people of Gunbalanya
follow the Kunwinjku
calendar. There are six
seasons in their calendar.





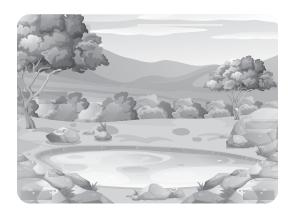
Aboriginal people use clues to find, hunt and catch bush tucker (food).

What food might the people of Gunbalanya eat during the year?



Follow the footsteps through the seasons and use the clues to draw pictures of some of the food the children of Gunbalanya eat.

The rain comes and we hunt for snakes by the billabongs.



The rivers are full, so the **fish** are fat.









The weather is dry and cool.
The bees make their **honey**.





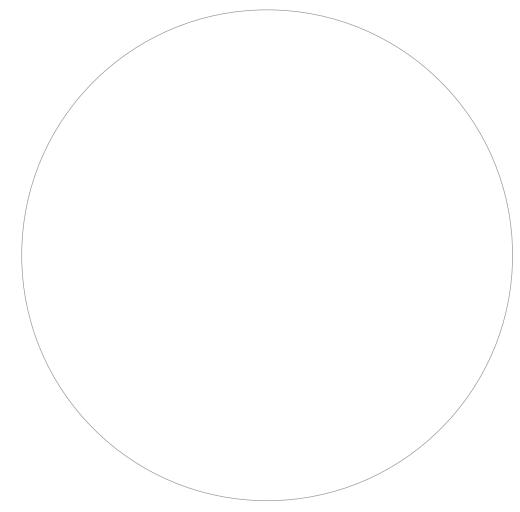
The clouds turn orange. It is time to find the goose eggs.



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Create a seasons calendar wheel for your local area. Think of different names for your seasons which describe what you do, eat and wear. Draw pictures for each season.

The seasons were named many hundreds of years ago. The name spring could come from the plants 'springing' from the ground at that time of year. In America, autumn is called fall because the leaves fall to the ground.





What's the season?

December is the start of summer or the wet season in Australia.

Take a journey around the globe to find out what season it is in other parts of the world. Add some of your own places.

Use the websites or information books to help you find out.

