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CHAPTER 1

THE CHANGING SEASONS



- Flowers bloom on a warm spring morning. The sun blazes on a hot summer day. Leaves crackle on an **autumn** afternoon. Snowflakes fall on a cold winter night.

These are the sights and sounds of the **seasons**.



★ There are four seasons.
They are spring, summer,
autumn, and winter.

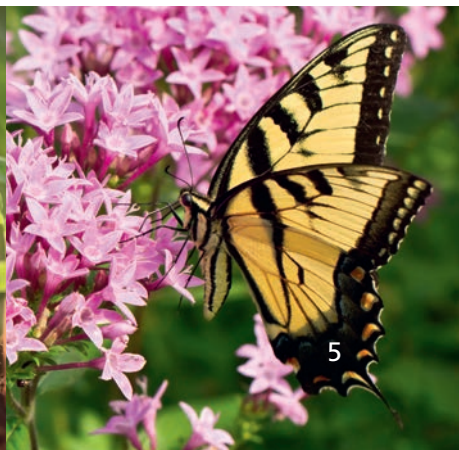


- On around March 21st, the season of spring begins. This day is called the vernal equinox. Equinox means “equal night” in Latin. On this day, the light of day and the dark of night are of equal length.

Things will **soon** warm up after a long, cold winter.



★ It may still be cold, but the spring sun is out. It will **soon** melt the winter snow.





- In many places, spring is a time for planting seeds and **watching flowers** bloom in the warm sunshine. Some people can't wait to get outside and dig into the earth on a bright spring morning.





★ It is fun to **watch** small seeds
grow into big **flowers**.