

Spring

English Activity Booklet

Name _____



Very Early Spring

by Katherine Mansfield (1912)

The fields are snowbound no longer;
There are little blue lakes and flags of tenderest green.
The snow has been caught up into the sky -
So many white clouds - and the blue of the sky is cold.
Now the sun walks in the forest,
He touches the bows and stems with his golden fingers;
They shiver, and wake from slumber.
Over the barren branches he shakes his yellow curls.
Yet is the forest full of the sound of tears...
A wind dances over the fields.
Shrill and clear the sound of her waking laughter,
Yet the little blue lakes tremble
And the flags of tenderest green bend and quiver.



1. **Find** and **copy** a word that means **bare**.

2. What do you think the **flags of tenderest green** are? Explain your answer.

3. Which of these words is closest in meaning to **shrill**? Tick **one**.

scary beautiful high-pitched cold

4. Write three examples of when the author has used personification in this poem.

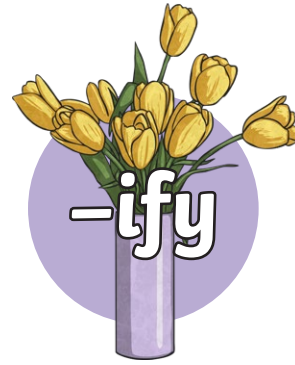
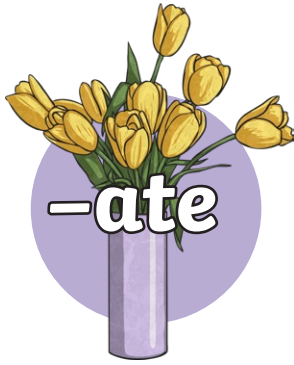
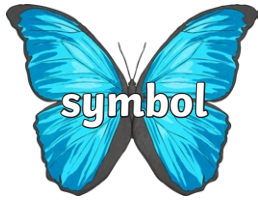
1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

5. **Yet is the forest full of the sound of tears...**

What do you think this line means?

Spring Flower Suffixes!

Can you draw lines to match each butterfly adjective to the correct spring flower suffix to make them into a verb?



Could you use some of these words in sentences?

Don't forget that in some cases, the root word needs to change before adding the suffix.

Spring in Australia

In Australia, there are four seasons; spring, summer, autumn and winter. The seasons are spread out across the year into the following months:

Season	Months	Weather
spring	September to November	The weather becomes warmer, but there still may be rain and cooler days.
summer	December to February	The weather is hot. Some parts of Australia get very hot and humid and some places become arid.
autumn	March to May	The weather becomes cooler.
winter	June to August	The weather is cold. Rain and storms are common and in some places, there may be snow.

Weather in Australia can depend on where you live in the country. It covers such a vast area that there are six distinct climate zones. Tropical areas in the north, in places such as Darwin, have wet and dry seasons.

In spring, many animals and birds reproduce. The days are longer and there is more food available. Hibernating animals, such as possums, bats and echidnas, will start to wake up and become active and other animals may start to shed their winter coats.

Spring also provides plants with the perfect environment for new growth. Plenty of rain and more sunshine gives plants plenty of energy to grow. Many flowers start to bloom and fruits, such as apples, pears and strawberries, start to grow. Almost all trees in Australia are evergreens – this means they keep their leaves throughout the year. However, deciduous trees (which lose their leaves) begin to grow their leaves back.

1. Springtime happens during which months in Australia?

2. Name three animals that hibernate in Australia.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

3. What effect does spring have on plants in Australia?

4. **Find** and **copy** one word which means **large**.

5. How is spring different in Australia to the UK?



Super Sentences

Use your super sentence writing skills to extend these sentences with a **relative clause**. Read the sentence, then add an appropriate **relative clause** using a **relative pronoun** from the list below so that it makes sense. The first one is done for you as an example.

Relative pronouns - **who, which, whom, whose, that, where, when**

Example sentence

1. During the spring, I always have my umbrella, **which has flowers on it.**

2. I enjoy picking flowers _____

3. The blossom on the trees makes me sneeze _____

4. The rain gently pattered onto the ground _____

5. We spent hours splashing in puddles _____

This time, use your super sentence writing skills to create sentences with an **embedded relative clause**.



Spring Seekers

Use this picture as inspiration to carefully think and write a short paragraph.



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Sentence 1: Use a comma following a fronted adverbial.

Sentence 2: Include a relative clause.

Sentence 3: Use dashes to indicate parenthesis.

Sentence 4: Include a modal verb.

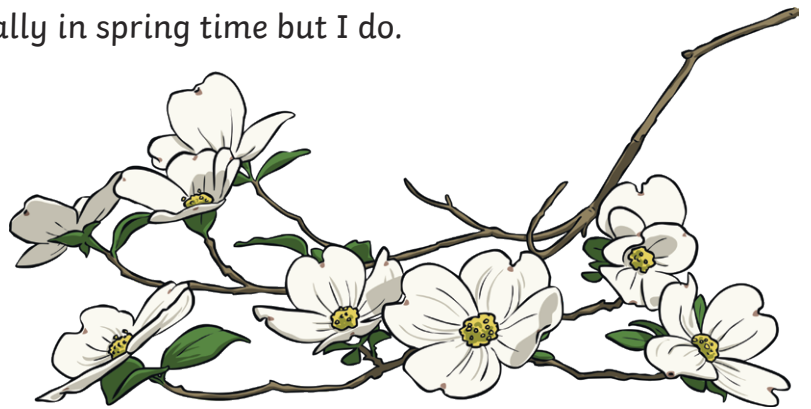
Sentence 5: Use an adverb of possibility.

Perfect Parenthesis

Read these sentences and decide where the parenthesis punctuation has been missed. You can decide whether to use **brackets**, **dashes** or **commas**.

The first one has been done for you.

1. My sister (the one who lives in France) is excited to be coming over this spring.
2. Beth the captain of the team is a very skilful football player.
3. We are lucky to get daffodils the Welsh national flower growing in our garden.
4. During the spring months, many animals come out of hibernation it is warmer and there is more food available.
5. Some people don't like the rain especially in spring time but I do.



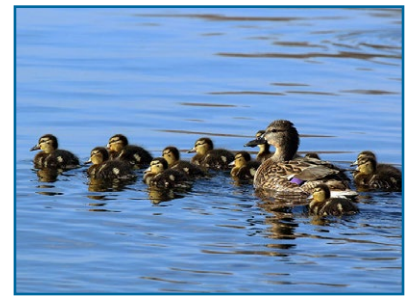
This time, use your super sentence writing skills to write sentences with **parenthesis**, for these pictures.



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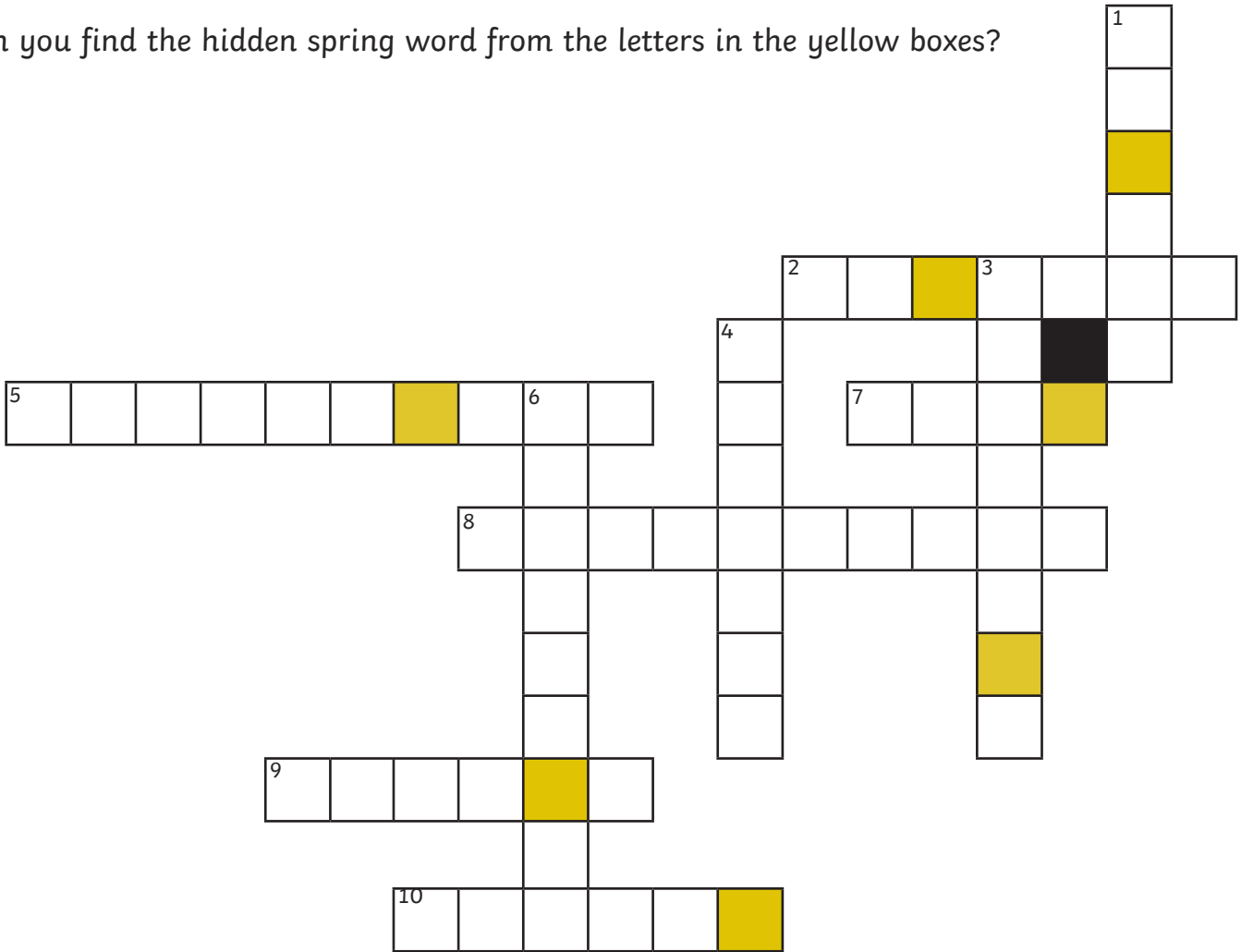
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Spring Crossword

Can you find the hidden spring word from the letters in the yellow boxes?



Across

2. Something unknown which needs to be solved.
5. The Houses of _____ in London.
7. A newborn sheep.
8. The place to look up spellings.
9. The writer of a book.
10. What you may eat for breakfast in a bowl.

Down

1. Large dry area, e.g. the Sahara.
3. The day after today.
4. Important to keep clean and stay healthy.
6. The person living next door.

