

Australia's Climate & Seasons — Knowledge Organiser

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Key facts

- Australia is in the southern hemisphere, so its seasons are opposite to the UK's.
- Christmas falls in summer, often very hot!
- The north is tropical (hot, with a wet and dry season); the centre is desert; the south is milder.
- Many Aboriginal peoples recognise more than four seasons, based on nature.

Key vocabulary

- Hemisphere — half of the Earth (northern or southern).
- Tropical — hot and often humid.
- Arid — very dry, like a desert.
- Climate — the usual weather of a place over time.

Opposite seasons

Because Australia is south of the equator, its summer is in December–February and winter in June–August — the reverse of the UK.

Many seasons

Some Aboriginal peoples have long recognised six or more seasons, reading changes in plants, animals and weather rather than just the calendar.