

### The Seasons Quiz

**Instructions:** Match each description or explanation on the right with the most appropriate seasonal reference on the left. On the authority of Emily Dickinson, "A little madness in the Spring / is wholesome even for the King."

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| 1. ___ sure signs of spring:           | A. month Earth is nearest the Sun          |
| 2. ___ January, August                 | B. Japan recognized 72 seasons             |
| 3. ___ cool, cold, colder, coldest     | C. Los Angeles' seasons                    |
| 4. ___ January                         | D. lasts 42 years                          |
| 5. ___ warm, hot, hotter, hottest      | E. robin, crocus, mittens heading north.   |
| 6. ___ fall foliage                    | F. begins in September.                    |
| 7. ___ riots, fires, mudslides, quakes | G. Miami's seasons                         |
| 8. ___ <i>Oktoberfest</i> in Munich    | H. most popular months for divorce filings |
| 9. ___ c. 1000 years                   | I. moves south c. 15-20 miles a day.       |
| 10. ___ summer on Uranus               | J. Anchorage's seasons                     |

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| 1. ___ fall/autumn                | A. is a flower in winter." Portuguese proverb         |
| 2. ___ seasonal adjectives        | B. "a hairline fracture in the grand order of things" |
| 3. ___ snow in mid-April          | C. ends in July and recommences in August             |
| 4. ___ a cold, gray rain          | D. when every leaf's a flower." Albert Camus          |
| 5. ___ "We jet now                | E. was once called "harvest"                          |
| 6. ___ "An old man in love        | F. track, baseball, football, hockey                  |
| 7. ___ English winter             | G. rabbits, sprinklers, leaves, snowballs             |
| 8. ___ sporting seasons           | H. vernal, estival, autumnal, hibernal                |
| 9. ___ "Autumn is a second spring | I. "one of nature's mood swings"                      |
| 10. ___ canine seasons            | J. from season to season." Lance Morrow               |

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--**Etymologies:** spring IE, rapid growth; summer Sanskrit, season; autumn OOO Lat., turning [leaves? temps.?]; fall Am Eng only, time of our leaf fall; winter IE, wet;  
 --Sample of old **Japanese** seasons: East wind melts the ice (Feb 4th - 8th); Bush warblers start singing in the mountains (Feb

9th - 13th); Fish emerge from the ice (Feb 14th - 18th); Rain moistens the soil (Feb 19th - 23rd); Mist starts to linger (Feb 24th - 28th); Grass sprouts, trees bud (March 1st - 5th)