

Grade 2 • Lesson 14: The Seasons

COMMON VS PROPER NOUNS & SERIES



Grammar Rules: Seasons & Holidays

Seasons are common nouns. Months and holidays are proper nouns.

- Lowercase: *spring, summer, autumn, winter.*
- Capitalized: *March, April, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas.*

A PLACE COMMAS IN THESE SENTENCES

Rewrite each sentence and insert commas where they belong in the series:

1. Spring summer autumn and winter are seasons.

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2. March April and May are the spring months.

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3. September October and November are autumn months.

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4. Thanksgiving Day Christmas New Year's Day and Fourth of July are holidays.

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B COMPOSE ORIGINAL SERIES SENTENCES

Write complete sentences using commas to separate each item in the series:

1. (List the three summer months in a complete statement)

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2. (List three holidays you celebrate in a complete statement)

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The Vital Capitalization Rule (Seasons vs. Months & Holidays):

A frequent error in elementary writing is capitalizing seasons. In English, *spring, summer, autumn, winter* are general common nouns and remain in lowercase (unless opening a sentence). In contrast, months (*March, April*) and holidays (*Christmas, Thanksgiving Day*) are proper nouns and always require capitals.

Section A • Comma Insertion Key:

1. Spring, summer, autumn, and winter are seasons. (Commas after *Spring, summer, and autumn*).
2. March, April, and May are the spring months. (Commas after *March and April*).
3. September, October, and November are autumn months. (Commas after *September and October*).
4. Thanksgiving Day, Christmas, New Year's Day, and Fourth of July are holidays. (Commas separate compound proper nouns: after *Day, Christmas, and Day*).

Section B • Model Pupil Compositions:

- *Summer months:* June, July, and August are the summer months.
- *Favorite holidays:* I love Christmas, Thanksgiving Day, and Easter.

Teacher Diagnostic Note on Compound Proper Nouns:

Sentence 4 contains compound holiday names (*Thanksgiving Day, New Year's Day, Fourth of July*). Ensure the child places the comma after the complete name of the holiday, not between words within the name.

Competency	Mastery (Exemplary)	Developing	Needs Guidance
Serial Comma Accuracy	All commas placed accurately in 4-item and 3-item lists.	1 comma omitted (e.g. before "and").	Commas placed inside compound holiday names.
Capitalization Distinctions	Maintains lowercase for seasons and capitals for months/holidays.	1 capitalization error (e.g., capitalizing "Summer").	Random capitalization throughout.
Sentence Composition	Writes 2 complete, well-punctuated series statements.	Writes 1 complete statement; 1 fragment.	Answers in isolated word lists without predicate.
Penmanship & Mechanics	Clean, legible handwriting with sharp commas and periods.	1 missing period or indistinct comma marks.	Sloppy handwriting, floating punctuation.