

6 Weather and seasons

Hungary has a continental climate and there are four seasons: spring, summer, autumn, and winter.

In spring nights get shorter and days get longer. It becomes warmer and warmer. Snow melts and the first flowers like snowdrops and tulips appear in the gardens. The weather in April is changeable. The temperatures are often below zero at night although days may be quite warm.

I like summer because we don't have to go to school, and the weather is very good and hot. We can go on holiday and swimming.

The temperatures rise to 25°C (degrees Celsius) but storms are usual with lightning and thunder.

Autumn is the rainiest season of the year. The days are getting colder and colder, leaves are falling down from the trees.

Winter brings snowfall, wind and frost. Children can make a snowman, throw snowballs, we enjoy sledging, skating and skiing. Temperature is often below zero. The roads become icy and slippery.

Questions:

Which is your favourite season? Why?

To tell the truth, I like both winter and summer. I like winter because I like sledging and making a snowman. I like walking when it's snowing and although it's cold, the air is clean. In summer I can do many outdoor activities and stay out long because the temperature is pleasant during the night.

What is the weather like now?

It is rainy and cold although it isn't windy. The sun isn't shining because it is cloudy.

Can you mention some natural phenomena?

Have you ever been in a big storm?