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## Plants

If you think of plants as something nice to have, but not important, you would be wrong. Plants are vital to life on Earth!

The most amazing thing plants can do is called photosynthesis. Photosynthesis is the process plants use to turn sunlight and a few nutrients into energy. This not only allows plants to survive, but gives animals energy when they eat plants. Plants are the only creatures on Earth that can directly convert sunlight into energy, so all food chains must have a plant as a producer. Even still, some plants like the Venus Flytrap don't get enough nutrients from soil and must eat small insects.

Most human nutrition depends on plants in some way. Of course, we eat many plants directly- fruits, vegetables, wheat, and rice, for example. Many of our other foods are made with plants, too, like sugar, coffee and honey. Most animals eaten as meat, such as cows or pigs, feed on grasses or other plants. If we didn't have plants, we wouldn't have much food. We also use plants in other ways- to build with wood, to make paper, to create medicines, and more. Plants are important to us!



Who feeds on grasses and other plants?



What is photosynthesis?



Where do Venus Flytraps get nutrients?



Why must all food chains have plants?



How do humans use plants?



Which plants do we eat directly?

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## The Season of Spring

The sun finally stays out longer, and the scent of fresh flowers fills the air. Rain falls frequently, helping the plants as they begin to turn green. Animals awaken from hibernation and their babies arrive.

Spring is a season which follows winter and precedes, or comes before, summer. The March equinox falls around March 20<sup>th</sup> and is generally considered the first day of spring in the northern hemisphere. An equinox is when the sun appears to cross the equator. Because of the way the Earth is tilted on its axis, the sun will spend more time directly facing the Northern hemisphere after the spring equinox. This means each day has more hours of sunlight and warmer weather.

When it is spring in one hemisphere, the other celebrates fall. For example, as the United States starts to see longer, warmer days of spring, Australia faces shorter, cooler days and begins the season of autumn (fall). In countries close to the equator, though, the seasons are less pronounced because they are never tilted far from the sun's rays. No matter when it starts, spring is a time for growth and a new start!



Who wakes up in the spring?



Which season precedes spring?



Where are seasons more similar to one another?



Why does the sun face one hemisphere longer?



How does the weather change in spring?

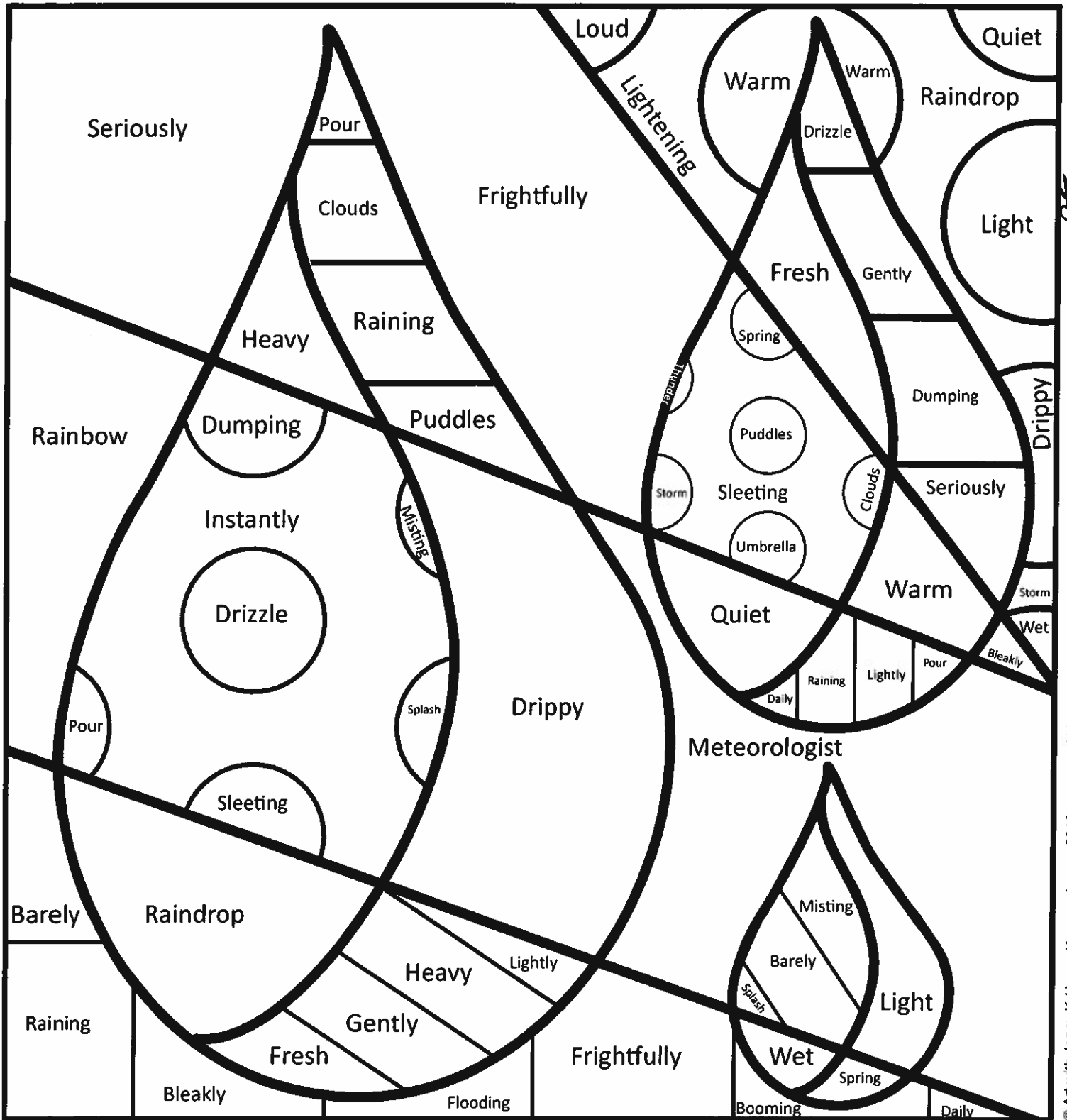


When is the spring equinox?

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