

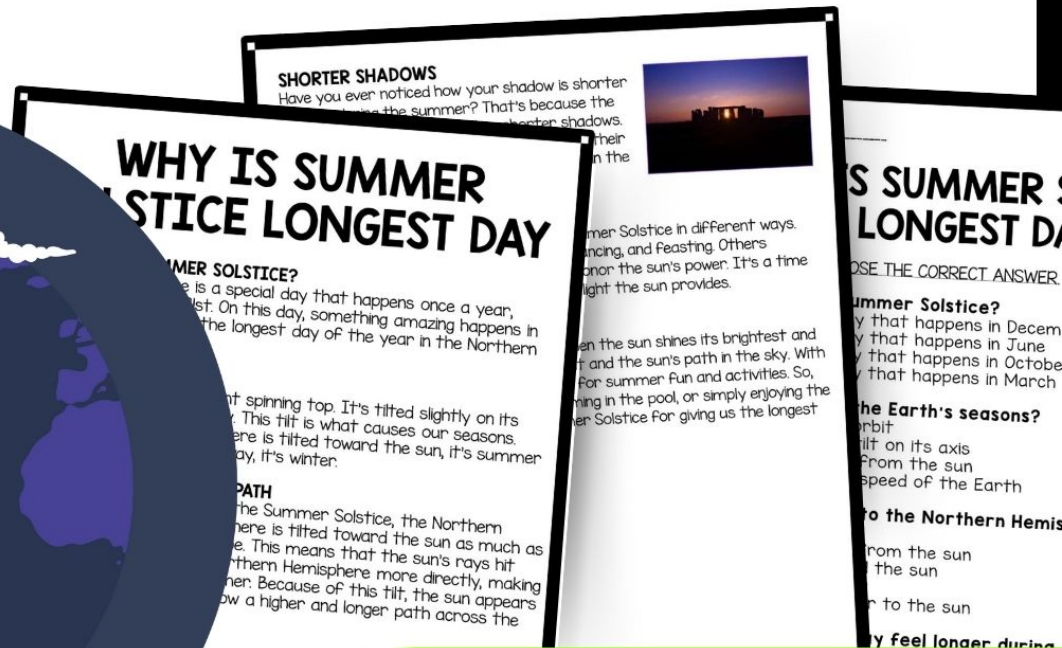
# Summer Solstice

## WHY LONGEST DAY?

### READING COMPREHENSION



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**READING COMPREHENSION  
MCQ'S  
QUESTIONS  
ANSWER KEY**

## READING PASSAGES WITH TEXT DEPENDENT QUESTIONS

# WHY IS SUMMER SOLSTICE LONGEST DAY

### WHAT IS THE SUMMER SOLSTICE?

The Summer Solstice is a special day that happens once a year, usually around June 21st. On this day, something amazing happens in the sky that makes it the longest day of the year in the Northern Hemisphere.

### EARTH'S TILT

Imagine the Earth as a giant spinning top. It's tilted slightly on its axis, like a giant wobbling toy. This tilt is what causes our seasons. When the Northern Hemisphere is tilted toward the sun, it's summer there, and when it's tilted away, it's winter.



### SUN'S PATH

During the Summer Solstice, the Northern Hemisphere is tilted toward the sun as much as it can be. This means that the sun's rays hit the Northern Hemisphere more directly, making it warmer. Because of this tilt, the sun appears to follow a higher and longer path across the sky.

### LONGEST DAY

Since the sun's path is higher and longer in the sky during the Summer Solstice, we get more daylight hours. This makes the day feel longer because the sun is up for a longer period. It rises early in the morning and sets late in the evening, giving us plenty of time for fun activities.



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### SHORTER SHADOWS

Have you ever noticed how your shadow is shorter at noon during the summer? That's because the sun is directly overhead, casting shorter shadows. During the Summer Solstice, shadows are at their shortest, showing us just how high the sun is in the sky.



### GLOBAL CELEBRATIONS

People around the world celebrate the Summer Solstice in different ways. Some cultures have festivals with music, dancing, and feasting. Others perform special rituals or ceremonies to honor the sun's power. It's a time for joy and gratitude for the warmth and light the sun provides.

### CONCLUSION

The Summer Solstice is a magical time when the sun shines its brightest and longest. It happens because of Earth's tilt and the sun's path in the sky. With more daylight hours, we have extra time for summer fun and activities. So, whether you're playing in the park, swimming in the pool, or simply enjoying the sunshine, remember to thank the Summer Solstice for giving us the longest day of the year!

## READING COMPREHENSION

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### SHORT ANSWER QUESTIONS

1. What is the Summer Solstice?
2. How does the Earth's tilt cause the seasons?
3. Why does the day feel longer during the Summer Solstice?
4. What happens to shadows during the Summer Solstice?
5. How do people celebrate the Summer Solstice around the world?

## ANSWER KEY

### MCQ'S

1. b) A special day that happens in June
2. b) The Earth's tilt on its axis
3. b) It tilts toward the sun
4. c) Because the sun's path is higher and longer in the sky
5. c) They become shorter
6. c) By having Festivals with music, dancing, and Feasting
7. c) To honor the sun's power and warmth
8. a) Northern Hemisphere
9. c) Summer
10. b) Excitement

### SHORT-ANSWER QUESTIONS

1. The Summer Solstice is a special day that happens once a year, usually around June 21st.
2. The Earth's tilt on its axis causes the seasons.
3. The day feels longer during the Summer Solstice because the sun's path is higher and longer in the sky.
4. Shadows become shorter during the Summer Solstice.
5. People celebrate the Summer Solstice around the world by having Festivals with music, dancing, and Feasting.

### 5. What happens to shadows during the Summer Solstice?

- a) They disappear completely
- b) They become longer
- c) They become shorter
- d) They stay the same length

### 6. How do people celebrate the Summer Solstice around the world?

- a) By staying indoors
- b) By performing special rituals to honor the sun
- c) By having Festivals with music, dancing, and Feasting
- d) By sleeping all day

### 7. What is the main reason for celebrating the Summer Solstice?

- a) To honor the winter season
- b) To honor the moon
- c) To honor the sun's power and warmth
- d) To honor the rain

### 8. Which hemisphere experiences the Summer Solstice?

- a) Northern Hemisphere
- b) Southern Hemisphere
- c) Eastern Hemisphere
- d) Western Hemisphere

### 9. What does the Summer Solstice mark the beginning of?

- a) Winter
- b) Spring
- c) Summer
- d) Autumn

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## WHY IS SUMMER SOLSTICE LONGEST DAY

DIRECTIONS: CHOOSE THE CORRECT ANSWER.

### 1. What is the Summer Solstice?

- a) A special day that happens in December
- b) A special day that happens in June
- c) A special day that happens in October
- d) A special day that happens in March

### 2. What causes the Earth's seasons?

- a) The moon's orbit
- b) The Earth's tilt on its axis
- c) The distance from the sun
- d) The rotation speed of the Earth

### 3. What happens to the Northern Hemisphere during the Summer Solstice?

- a) It tilts away from the sun
- b) It tilts toward the sun
- c) It spins faster
- d) It moves closer to the sun

### 4. Why does the day feel longer during the Summer Solstice?

- a) Because the sun rises later
- b) Because the sun sets earlier
- c) Because the sun's path is higher and longer in the sky
- d) Because the sun's path is lower and shorter in the sky

ANSWER KEY  
INCLUDED

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QUESTIONS

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