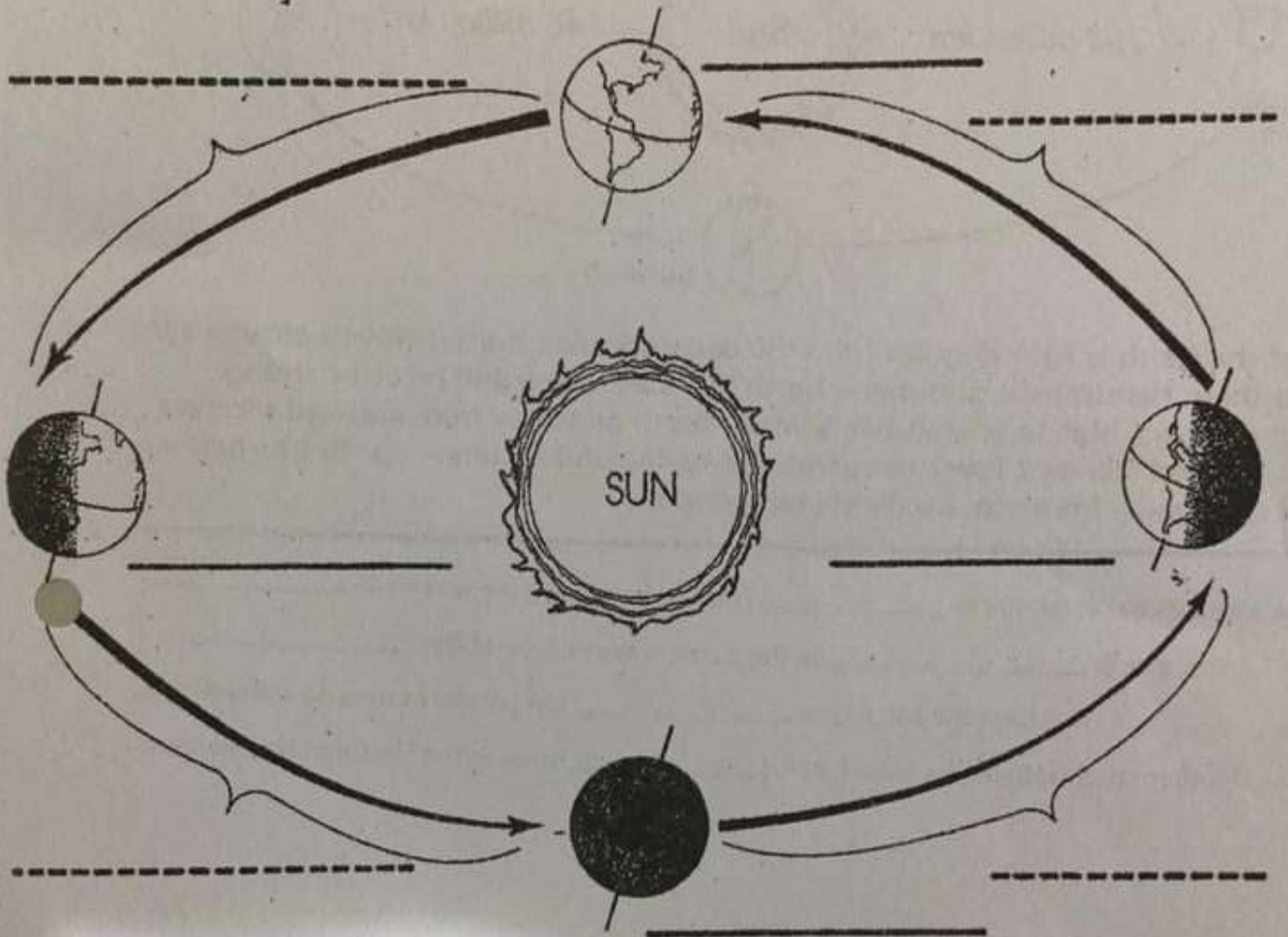


The Seasons

Name _____

The diagram below shows the Earth's position in its orbit on four different dates. On the solid line label the equinox dates. On the dotted lines name the season in the Northern Hemisphere.



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March 21
September 22

December 22
June 21

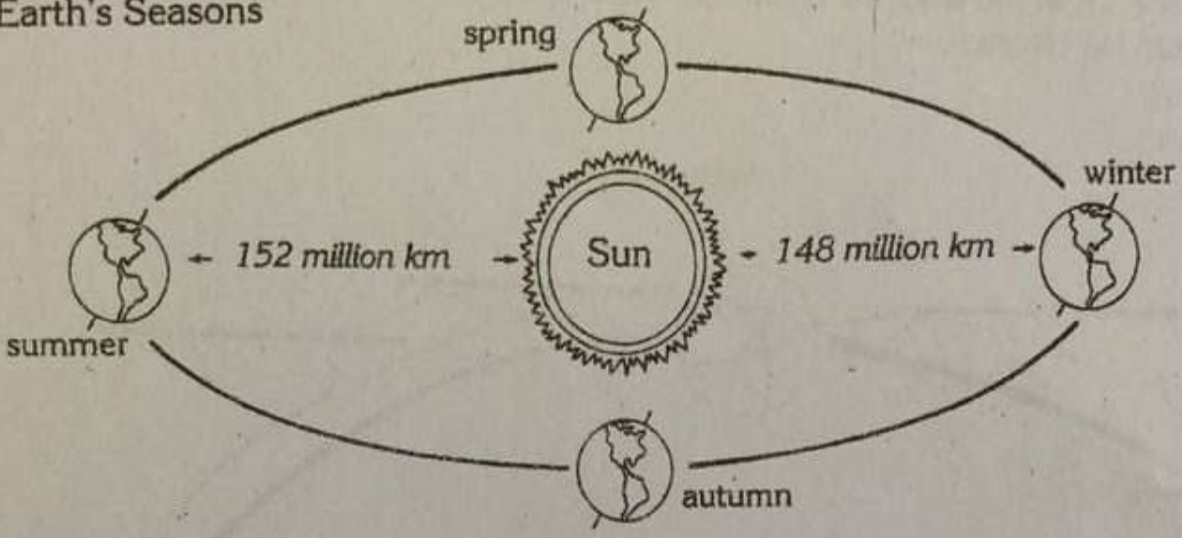
spring
winter

fall
summer

Name _____
Period _____

Earth's Seasons

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Tilt of the Earth is $23\frac{1}{2}$ degrees from the perpendicular. Earth revolves around sun. In Northern Hemisphere: summer—Earth tilts toward sun and receives strong, direct sun rays, high temperatures; winter—Earth tilts away from sun and receives weak, slanted sun rays, lower temperatures; spring and autumn—Earth tilts neither toward nor away from sun, moderate temperatures.

1. The Earth is closer to the sun by _____ million km during the season of _____.
2. The Earth's axis is _____ as the Earth revolves around the _____.
3. _____ rays from the sun cause _____ temperatures than do slanted rays.
4. In the Southern Hemisphere, the seasons are _____ those in the Northern Hemisphere.