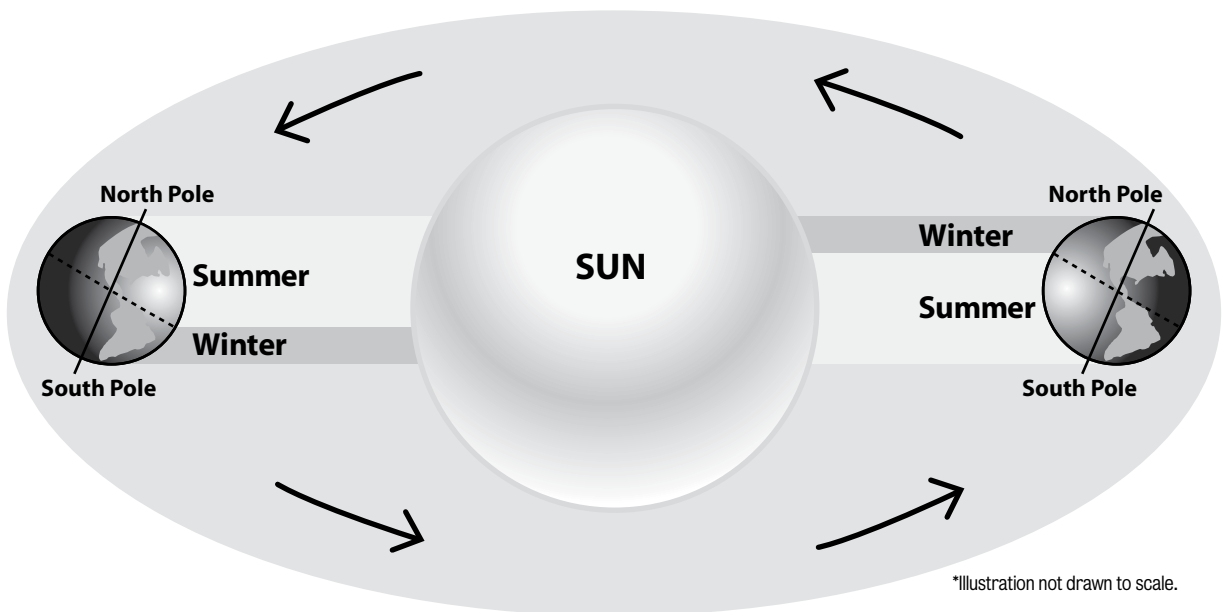


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Reasons for Seasons

Read the paragraph below. Then, answer the questions that follow.

Did you know that Earth is tilted at an angle? That causes parts of the planet to be hit by different amounts of sunlight at different times of the year. When the northern half of Earth is slanted toward the sun, it is summer in that region (*see diagram below*). It receives more hours of direct daylight. As Earth moves around the sun, the northern half is slanted away from the sun. That means less direct sunlight in that region—and you have to start wearing a warmer jacket!



1. What is the paragraph above mainly about?

2. Why does the northern half of Earth have summer during only part of the year?

3. Why would you need a warmer jacket in the northern half of Earth when it is tilting away from the sun? _____

4. If the northern half of Earth is tilted away from the sun, what season would it probably be in the southern half of Earth? _____