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THE FOUR SEASONS

Directions: The season of winter began on December 21. Do you know what causes the changing seasons? Explore the Web site provided. Then write the missing word or words in the blanks below.

Web Resources:

Seasons

<http://www.learninghaven.com/science/articles/seasons.htm>



1. The seasons are caused by a combination of Earth's _____, Earth's _____, and the effects of _____ and _____ sunlight.
2. Earth's _____ is the path Earth takes around the sun.
3. Earth's _____ is the way Earth spins on its axis.
4. _____ sunlight produces more heat than _____ sunlight.
5. When Earth's Northern Hemisphere points toward the sun, _____ occurs in the Northern Hemisphere and _____ occurs in the Southern Hemisphere.

Something to Think About: How does the shape of Earth's orbit affect the seasons?

Learn More: For more help understanding the changing seasons, look at the animation of Earth's Seasons at <http://kids.msfc.nasa.gov/earth/seasons/EarthSeasons.asp>.