# Japanese seasons and calendar

## Japanese seasons

Above each *kanji*, write a sentence in Japanese which includes the months of the season. The first season has been done for you.

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| **春は三月と四月と五月です。**  四季のイラスト文字「春夏秋冬」 | かわいいフリー素材集 いらすとや | 春夏秋冬のイラスト文字「夏」 |
| 四季のイラスト文字「春夏秋冬」 | かわいいフリー素材集 いらすとや | 春夏秋冬のイラスト文字「冬」 |

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## Japanese calendar

In the table below, you can see one Japanese festival or seasonal event for each month of the year. The first example has been done for you.

1. Underneath each month, write the season in *kanji*: 春, 冬, 秋 or 夏.
2. Read the festival or seasonal event vocabulary and write the meaning in English next to the Japanese.
3. Look at the festival picture for each month and write a sentence in Japanese, following the example 四月はおはなみです.
4. In small groups, research each festival or seasonal event and add a brief description in English to the calendar. The description should include 3–4 sentences about the event.
5. Identify 3–4 events in Australian life, look up their Japanese term and add these to the relevant months, using the same structure.

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| Month and season | Japanese festival or seasonal event | Australian festival or seasonal event |
| 一月  冬  New year decoration. | お正月　（おしょうがつ）**New year**  **一月はおしょうがつです。**  **Japanese new year celebrates the new calendar year. People send new year cards to family and friends, called *nengajō*. People eat food such as *mochi* and buckwheat noodles. Relatives give money to children and Buddhist temples ring bells at midnight 108 times.** |  |
| 二月  Demon face. | せつぶん |  |
| 三月  Hina dolls. | ひなまつり |  |
| 四月  Cherry blossom. | お花見　（おはなみ） |  |
| 五月  Children playing on Children's Day. | こどもの日 |  |
| 六月  Rainy season. | つゆ |  |
| 七月  Hanging paper wishes on a bamboo branch. | 七夕　（たなばた） |  |
| 八月  Bon dance illustration. | おぼん |  |
| 九月  Moon viewing ceremony. | お月見　(おつきみ) |  |
| 十月  Children playing on Sports Day. | スポーツの日 |  |
| 十一月  Children in traditional dress for seven five three day. | 七五三　（しちごさん） |  |
| 十二月  Man doing calligraphy. | おおみそか |  |

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