

Seasons and the weather

Indonesia lies on the equator – *khatulistiwa*. It has a tropical climate and very similar weather patterns to the northern part of Australia. Apart from the cooler mountainous areas, it is hot all year round. Unlike the southern parts of Australia which have four distinct seasons, Indonesia has only two seasons. The word for 'season' is *musim*.

The names of the two Indonesian seasons are:

musim hujan the rainy season
musim kering or *musim kemarau* the dry season

For about six months of the year, Indonesia is hot and rainy almost every day. For the other six months, it is hot and dry.

The word *musim* can also be used for other seasonal things such as fruit.

For example:

musim mangga the mango season

Two more words relating to the weather are:

cuaca the weather
suhu the temperature

Exercises



1. In online Learning Object 6 'Is it summer?' you learnt the names of the four seasons that occur in southern parts of Australia and you now know the names of the two seasons in Indonesia.

Write the name of each of the six seasons beside its corresponding description in the table below. Use the vocabulary list on Page 3 to help you but don't worry if you don't understand every word in the descriptions.

Choose from the following:

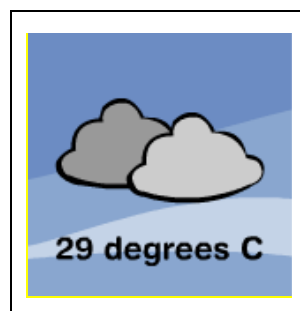
musim hujan *musim dingin* *musim kemarau/musim kering*
musim semi *musim gugur* *musim panas*

Season	Description
	<i>Di daerah tertentu, salju turun pada musim ini. Di Australia musim ini ada pada bulan Juni sampai bulan Agustus.</i>
	<i>Di daerah tropis, hujan turun hampir setiap hari.</i>
	<i>Pada musim ini di daerah tertentu, daun berwarna kuning dan mulai jatuh dari pohon.</i>
	<i>Di daerah tropis setiap hari panas dan tidak ada hujan.</i>
	<i>Pada musim ini setiap hari panas. Di Australia musim ini ada pada bulan Desember sampai Februari.</i>
	<i>Pada musim ini, banyak bunga mulai tumbuh. Di daerah salju, saljunya mulai mencair.</i>



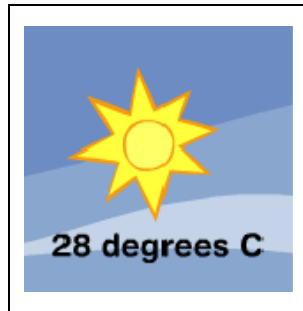
2. Read these sentences. Then look at the pictures below. Match each sentence to its corresponding picture. Rewrite the sentences on the lines provided.

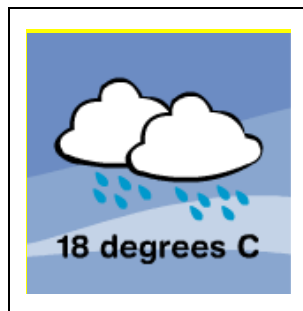
- Cuaca hari ini cerah, dengan suhu dua puluh delapan derajat selsius.*
- Cuaca hari ini hujan, dengan suhu delapan belas derajat selsius.*
- Cuaca hari ini berangin, dengan suhu tiga puluh dua derajat selsius.*
- Cuaca hari ini berawan, dengan suhu dua puluh enam derajat selsius.*
- Cuaca hari ini mendung, dengan suhu dua puluh sembilan derajat selsius.*

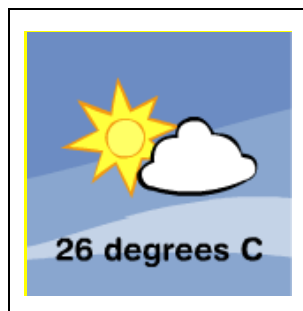


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3. From looking at the pictures and reading the sentences in Exercise 2, what do you think the following words mean?

a) *mendung* _____

b) *berawan* _____

c) *cerah* _____

d) *berangin* _____

e) *hujan* _____

f) *derajat* _____

Vocabulary:

daerah tertentu certain areas

salju snow

bunga flowers

tumbuh to grow

mencair to melt