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The four seasons 2

Teacher's notes

Age: Teenagers/Adults

Level: Intermediate (B1)

Time: 45 minutes

Activity: In this lesson, students will:

1. Do a crossword puzzle
2. Learn new vocabulary

Language focus: vocabulary connected to the four seasons

Materials: one copy of the worksheet per student

Procedure

1. Check students know how to say the four seasons in English.
2. Divide the class into groups of four. Each student takes it in turns to be the secretary. The secretary chooses a season and the others have one minute to say all the words they can think of associated with that season while the secretary writes them down. Students report back and compare the words they have for each season.
3. Hand out the worksheet. See if students can guess what the connection is between the pizza and the four seasons. Students read and find out.
4. Students complete the crossword with words connected with the four seasons. The clues are on the following page. If they have difficulty, the words are listed at the bottom of the page.
5. Students imagine they are American. What words do Americans associate with each season? Students write the words from the puzzle in the table. There should be 10 words for each season.
6. Students discuss in small groups which season they prefer and why. Find out which season is the most popular in class.

Key:

Exercise 1

Across:

1. coat
2. rain
4. birds
6. March
8. ice

9. school
10. love
13. flowers
15. exams
19. December
20. T-shirt
23. skiing
25. Halloween
26. brown
28. Thanksgiving
30. football
31. sweater
32. windy
33. Easter
34. blue
35. Oscars
36. allergy

Down:

1. Christmas
3. grass
4. baseball
5. white
7. prom
11. beach
12. vacation
14. skating
16. swimming pool
17. presents
18. picnic
21. sunbathe
22. green
24. flu
27. snowman
28. turkey
29. ice cream
30. leaves

Exercise 2

Spring: allergy, birds, Easter, flowers, grass, green, love, March, Oscars, prom

Summer: baseball, beach, blue, exams, ice cream, picnic, sunbathe, swimming pool, T-shirt, vacation

Autumn/Fall: brown, football, Halloween, leaves, rain, school, sweater, Thanksgiving, turkey, windy

Winter: Christmas, coat, December, flu, ice, presents, skating, skiing, snowman, white

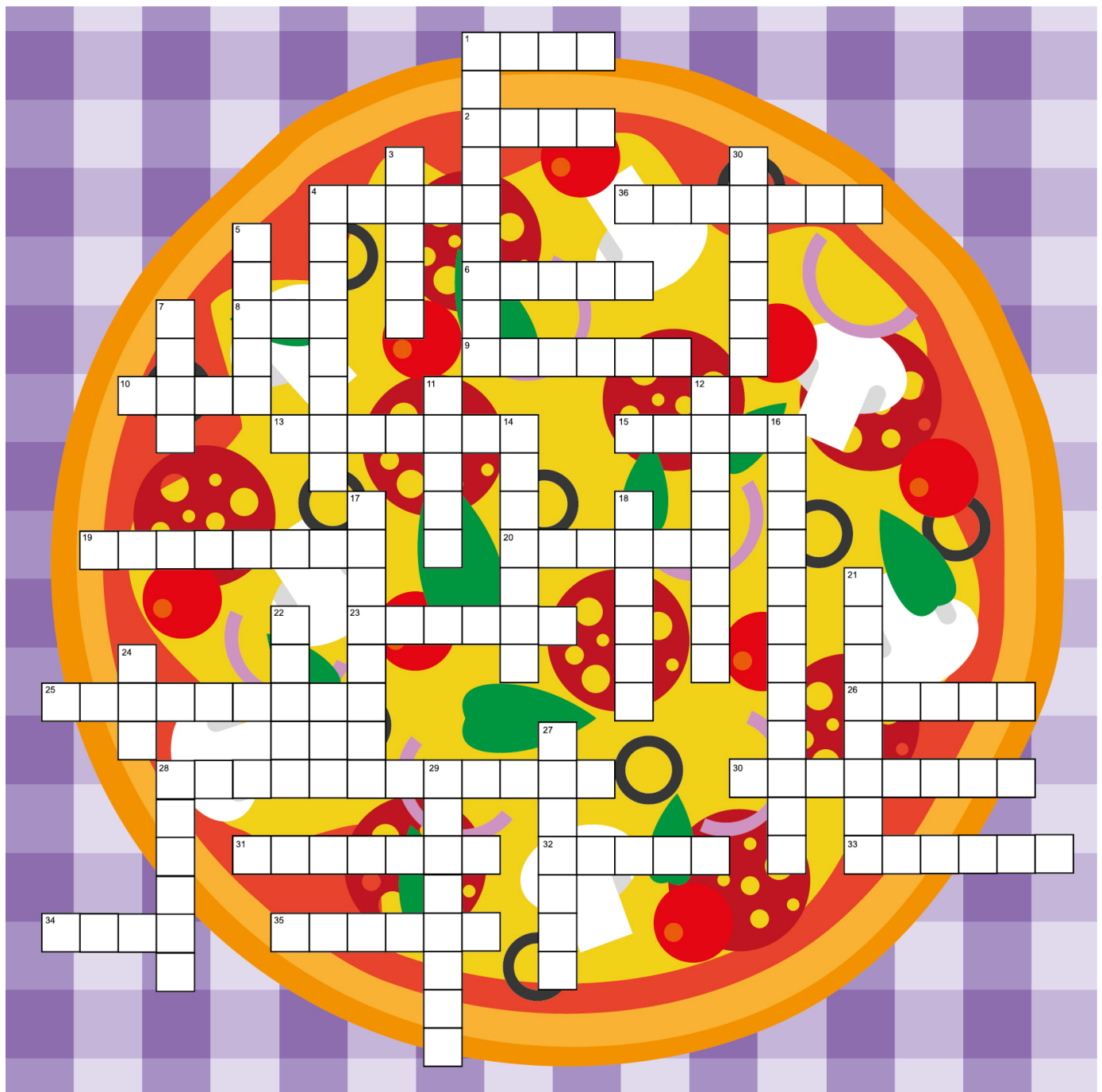
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The Seasons 2: The pizza puzzle

Exercise 1: The pizza puzzle

The Four Seasons is the name of one of the world's most famous pizzas. The pizza as we know it today comes from Italy, although its exact history is vague. One story tells of how, in 1889, a chef created the first ever pizza for Queen Margherita of Naples. It was topped with tomato, mozzarella cheese and basil. Each colour represented the colour of the Italian flag: red, white and green. The four seasons pizza represents the rich harvest of the four seasons, and the toppings are divided into quarters.

In our four seasons pizza puzzle you have to read the clues and try to complete the pizza crossword puzzle with words related to the four seasons.



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Worksheet

Across	Down
1. Something you put on over your clothes to go out in cold weather.	1. A Christian festival celebrating the birth of Jesus.
2. You need an umbrella for this.	3. Cows eat this.
4. They fly in the sky.	4. A game with two teams of nine players, a bat and a ball.
6. The month after February.	5. The colour of snow.
8. Frozen water.	7. A dance for high school students at the end of the school year.
9. Where you go every weekday until you're 16.	11. A place next to the sea where people lie in the sun.
10. A feeling of affection for another person. John Lennon said, 'All you need is ____.'	12. A time to rest and relax; when you don't work (AmE).
13. They're beautiful, they grow in the ground, you find them in different colours.	14. A sport which involves moving on the surface of frozen water.
15. Most students hate these but you have to take them.	16. It can be inside or outside and is a place you go to swim. (two words)
19. The last month of the year.	17. People exchange these at Christmas.
20. Something you wear; it has short sleeves.	18. A meal you prepare and eat outside in the park or in the country.
23. A sport you do in the snow in the mountains.	21. You sit or lie in the sun to do this.
25. People celebrate this on October 31.	22. The colour of plants and vegetation.
26. A colour made from red, yellow and blue.	24. An illness; the symptoms are a high temperature and feeling cold.
28. A time for families in the United States to get together; the fourth Thursday in November.	27. A figure people build in the snow.
30. A popular sport with a ball in which players try to score goals.	28. A large bird which people eat at some festivals.
31. Made of wool or cotton, you can wear this with jeans.	29. It can be chocolate, strawberry, vanilla, etc.; people eat it when the weather is hot. (two words)
32. This type of weather blows things around.	30. They grow on trees.
33. A Christian festival celebrating the resurrection of Jesus.	
34. The colour of the ocean and the sky on a good day.	
35. Movie awards: for best actor, best actress, best picture, etc.	
36. A sensitive reaction to things; if something makes you sneeze.	

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Exercise 2: Word associations

Look at the words from the pizza puzzle below. Which words are associated with each of the four seasons? Sort the words so that there are 10 for each season.

allergy	exams	love	snowman
baseball	flowers	March	sunbathe
beach	flu	Oscars	sweater
birds	football	picnic	swimming pool
blue	grass	presents	T-shirt
brown	green	prom	Thanksgiving
Christmas	Halloween	rain	turkey
coat	ice	school	vacation
December	ice cream	skating	white
Easter	leaves	skiing	windy

Spring	Summer	Autumn/Fall	Winter