



# Lihle and Lwandle in Summer

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Lihle and Lwandle are going to the library to study for exams.

Lihle is waiting outside. She calls her sister, "Hurry up, Lwandle!"





"I'm ready," says Lwandle as she closes the front door.

"Why are you wearing those clothes? What's wrong with you, are you sick?" asks Lihle.



"If the weather gets cold, I'll be ready!" grins Lwandle.

Lihle responds, "It's a warm day in Summer. You are dressed for the wrong season!"





As they walk, Lwandle says, "It's early, yet the day is already warm."

Lihle responds, "Yes, that's why everyone is wearing Summer clothes!"



Lihle explains, "In Summer, the sun rises earlier and sets later than the other seasons.

There are more daylight hours.  
Temperatures are highest in Summer."





“Don’t you remember anything we learned at school?” asks Lihle.

Lwandle thinks, then says, “Yes, in Summer we drink cooldrinks. I want a cooldrink!”



“In Summer, we wear light clothes. Some people use umbrellas for protection from the sun,” says Lihle.

“Slow down, I’m burning up!” complains Lwandle.





“Look at the people in the pool. Let’s go swimming, it’s too hot to study,” laughs Lwandle.

Lihle shakes her head at her sister.



“Guavas and litchis are my favourite summer fruits,” says Lihle, looking at the fruit stall.

“I’m thirsty,” puffs Lwandle. “I brought water,” smiles Lihle.





"This heat is too much! When does Summer end?" gasps Lwandle.

Lihle laughs, "Get used to it, Summer just started! Temperatures will continue to rise."

## —Questions

1. Find 3 words in the story to describe Summer.
2. Which sister is wearing the right clothes for:
  - Winter?
  - Summer?Explain your answers.
3. Write 2 things we can do to cool down in Summer.
4. What are the dangers of being exposed to the hot sun for too long?
5. Find out five other countries in Africa that experience Summer, Spring, Winter and Autumn.





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