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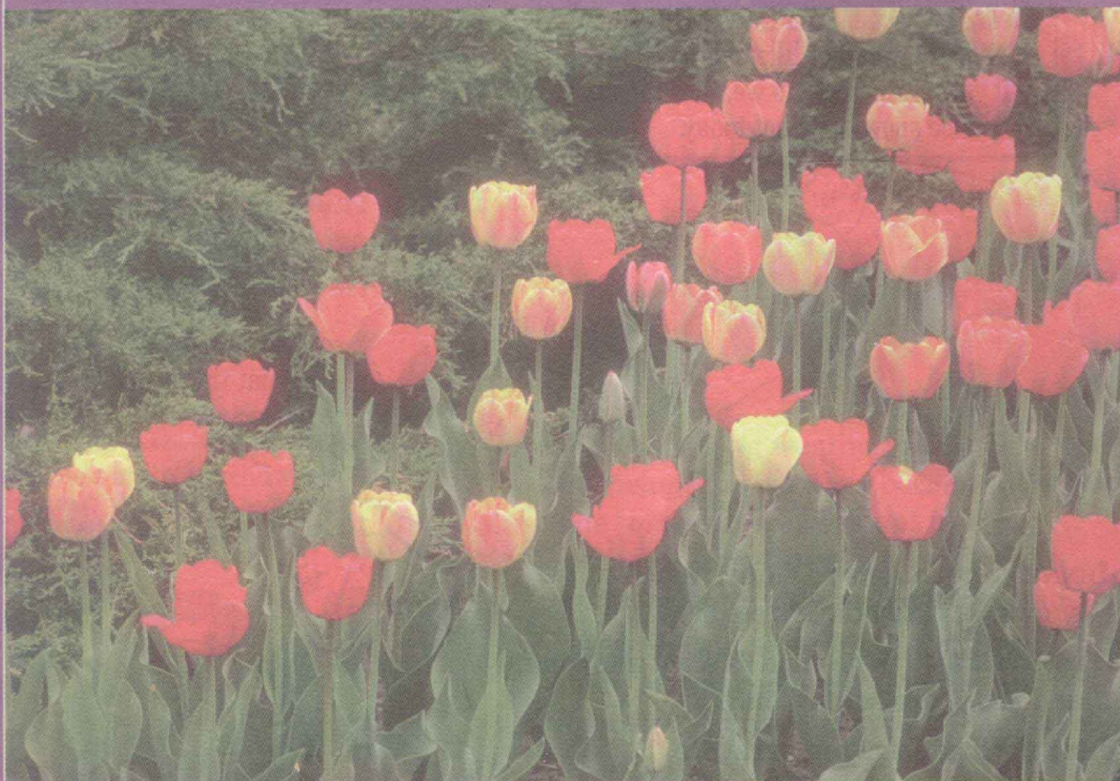
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UNIT 1

Lessons 1 ~ 8

Spring Is Coming!



You Will Learn

Functions

- ▶ Talking About Weather

Grammar

- ▶ Word Building
- ▶ Prepositions

Structures

- ▶ fall off
- ▶ How/What about ...?
- ▶ make a loud noise
- ▶ not ... until ...
- ▶ Shall we ...?

Lesson 1: What's the Weather Like?



THINK ABOUT IT!

- Look outside. What's the weather like today?
- How does this weather make you feel?
- Is Danny a good weather reporter? Why or why not?

A Weather Report

DANNY: Listen to me! I'm on the radio!

Hello, everyone. I am Danny Dinosaur. What's the weather like today? I'll tell you! Here's today's weather report. It will be snowy and hot today.



JENNY: (*She laughs.*) Danny! When it snows, it isn't hot. It's cold!

DANNY: Okay, it's not hot. It's not snowing, and there are some clouds.

JENNY: What's the temperature?

DANNY: Let's see. It's ten degrees.

BRIAN: It's rather cool today, isn't it? Is it going to rain today, Danny?

DANNY: Yes! There will be some showers

this afternoon. Maybe there will be a thunder storm. I hope not! I'm scared of thunder!

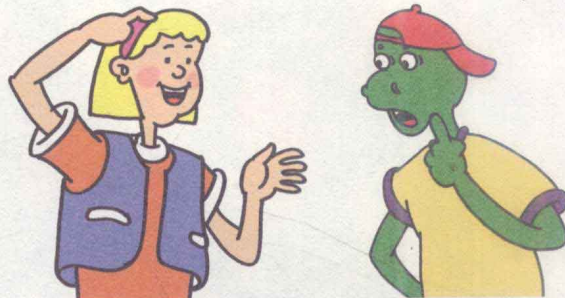
JENNY: Now, talk about the sunrise and sunset.

DANNY: This morning, the sun rose. This evening, the sun will set.



No, no! Tell us what time it will rise and set!

Oh!



Learning Tips

Set means the same as **go down**.

Rise means the same as **come up**.

PROJECT



"AND NOW, THE WEATHER"

Have you ever wanted to be on the radio? Now you can! Write a radio weather report. Read it to the class. A good weather report answers these questions:

- What is today's date?
- What day of the week is it?
- What time did the sun rise today? What time will it set?
- What's the weather like today?
- What's the temperature today? Is it warm or hot? Cold or cool?

Lesson 2: It's Getting Warmer!



- When does spring begin? When does the weather become warmer in your hometown?
- What's the weather like in spring?
- What is the temperature of the air near lightning?

What's the date today? It's March twenty-first! It is spring now.



You can write dates with numbers, too. How can you write March twenty-first? That's right! March 21st or March 21.



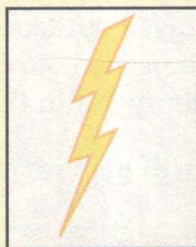
- How many hours of daylight are there on March 21st?
There are twelve hours of daylight. The sun rises at about six o'clock in the morning and it sets at about six o'clock in the evening.

Do you see two words you already know in "daylight"? That's right! "Day" and "light." When is it daylight? When the sun is up!



- What is spring weather like?
In spring, the weather becomes warmer. The temperature goes up! In early spring, it sometimes snows. But the snow melts quickly in the warm sun.
In April, rain showers begin. Sometimes there are storms with thunder and lightning. Thunder makes a loud noise.

FASCINATING FACTS



lightning

Lightning is hot! The air near lightning can be 30 000 degrees! That's hotter than the sun!

LET'S DO IT!



Discuss these questions in a small group:

- What season comes before spring?
- What is the difference between spring weather and winter weather?
- What is the difference between people's clothes and activities in spring and in winter?

Lesson 3: Postcards!

Dear Jenny,

Today is March twenty-first. Spring has arrived in Shijiazhuang. When I walked to school this morning, the temperature was already fifteen degrees. This afternoon it was nineteen degrees. I didn't need my jacket!

The days are getting longer. The sun rises earlier in the morning. Today's sunrise was at 6:51. Every morning I see many people in the park exercising.

It is now 6:00 in the evening. The sun will set in about fifteen minutes.

What's your weather like? Is it spring in Canada? Is it snowing?

Your friend,

Li Ming



Jenny Smith
522 Park Road
Edmonton, Alberta
Canada T8B 9K2

Dear Li Ming,

Thank you for the postcard. It is beautiful! I love the picture of the flowers in the park.

It isn't snowing today, but there is still some snow on the grass. In Edmonton, it often snows in March. Sometimes it snows in April and May, too! We won't see any flowers until May.

After school today, we played outdoors. We played "snow" soccer. We needed our jackets and boots, but it was fun. Danny fell in the snow!

Next month, maybe we will play in our shorts and T-shirts!

Jenny



Li Ming
Apartment 12,
69 Zhonghua Street
Shijiazhuang, Hebei
China 050051

LET'S DO IT!



Imagine you are travelling in another city or country. Write a postcard to one of your friends. You can write about weather, food, people, buildings or other interesting things.

Lesson 4: Sun Is Rising

*Sun is rising,
Spring is coming,
Snow is melting,
Come with me.*



*Sun is rising,
Spring is coming,
See it bring
The season's change.*



*Climb the hillside,
Weather is warming,
Wind blows gently
Through the trees.
One by one
The flowers blossom,
Enjoy them one by one.*



Here is a field of purple flowers. They're beautiful, aren't they? But don't pick them!

LET'S DO IT!



- In a group of three, read the song aloud as a poem. Each of you should read one part.
- How do you know when spring is coming? Talk with your partner about things like air, flowers and birds in spring.

Lesson 5: Fun in the Sun



THINK ABOUT IT!

- When the weather is warm, what do you like to do?
- What do you usually do after school?
- Does Danny like soccer? Why or why not?

It's Spring! Time to Play Outdoors!

JENNY: The weather is so warm today.

BRIAN: Yes. It's twenty-two degrees. It's rather warm, isn't it? I shall wear shorts tomorrow!

DANNY: What do you want to do after school?

JENNY: Let's go cycling.

DANNY: No, let's not. I rode my bike yesterday and broke it. I think I need a new one.

Ooops!



JENNY: How about baseball, then?

DANNY: I don't like baseball.



The ball always hits me on the head. That hurts!

BRIAN: What about soccer? That's always fun. Shall we play soccer?

DANNY: Okay! Soccer balls don't hurt my head. See you after school!

In soccer, do you hit the ball? No! You kick it!



PROJECT

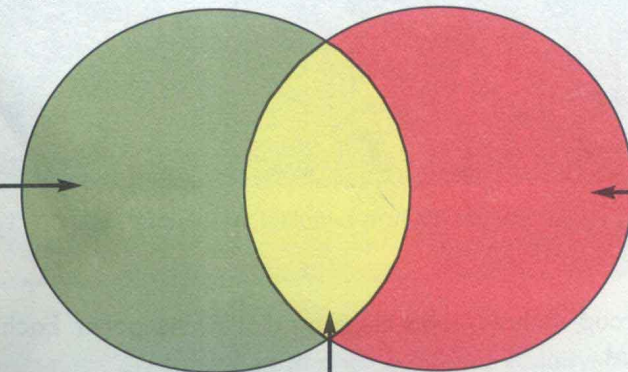


WHAT DO YOU LIKE TO DO OUTSIDE IN SPRING?

In Canada, Danny, Jenny and Brian like to have fun in spring. The weather is warm. They like to play outside. What do they like to do? Look in this unit. Write down your ideas.

What do students like to do outdoors in China in spring? Is it the same or different?

Write the things that are different about China here.



Write the things that are different about Canada here.

Write the things that are the same about China and Canada in the middle.

Lesson 6: Danny the Babysitter



- Does your family need a babysitter? Why or why not?
- Have you ever been a babysitter? If yes, when? If no, why not?
- Does Danny like being a babysitter?

Danny is babysitting his cousin Debbie at the playground. Brian is with them.

"Thank you for helping me at the playground today, Brian," says Danny. "This is the first time I have been a babysitter."

"You're welcome," says Brian. "But where is Debbie?"

Danny turns around. Debbie is on the climbing bars. She has climbed up very high.

Hold on, Debbie!
Don't fall off!



Danny runs to Debbie. "Come down, please!" he says.

"I want to climb higher!" says Debbie.

"Come down, Debbie," says Brian.

"You're too high. Shall we play on the swing? Danny will push you."

"Okay!" says Debbie. "I love swings!" She climbs down. She runs to the swing and climbs on.

"Push me, Danny! Push me high on the swing!" she says. Danny gives her a push. "Give me more pushes," Debbie laughs.

"Can I give you a push, Debbie?" asks Brian.

"No!!" she says. "I want Danny!"

Danny is tired. He is hot. "It's time to stop swinging, Debbie."

Debbie gets off the swing. "Let's run!" she says. "Let's play catch. Or soccer! What about basketball? Let's play!"

"I know a good game," says Danny. "Let's play 'lie on the grass'."

Shall we look at
the clouds, Debbie?

Great! That
one looks
like a big,
jumping
rabbit! I
want to
jump, too!



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... zzzzzz ...

Come on,
Danny!
Danny?



LET'S DO IT!



In a group of three, make up a "babysitting" role-play. Who will be the baby? Who will be the babysitter? Who will be the third person? Tell the story in the past tense.

Lesson 7: Danny's "Debbie" Day



Date: March 12

Weather: Partly cloudy, but warm

A few showers this morning

Dear Diary,

I woke up before the sun rose this morning. Today I would be a babysitter! I thought about it all day at school.

After school, Brian came with me. We went to the playground. I thought that it would be easy to babysit there. I was wrong!

First, Debbie climbed up very high. I was scared that she would hurt herself, but she held on well.

Next, I pushed her on the swing. Brian wanted to give her a push, but Debbie said no. She loves her big cousin!

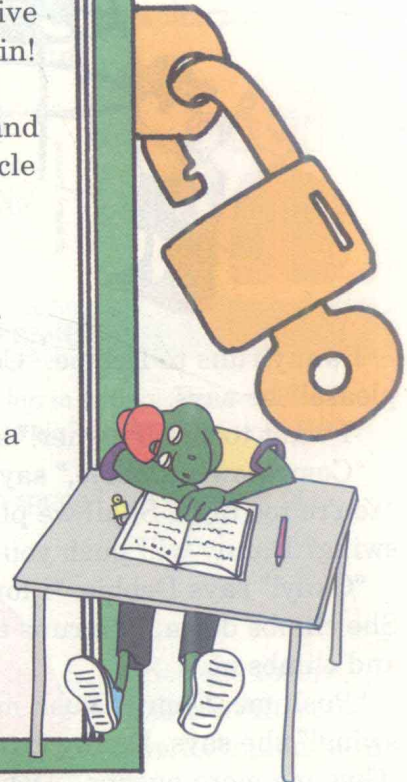
I wanted to lie on the grass, but Debbie wanted to play games. We ran, we climbed, and we threw balls and played catch. Finally, we had supper. My aunt and uncle had made sandwiches for us to eat at the playground. Debbie ate hers in about one minute! Then she was running again! So was I!

When the sun set, I took Debbie home. I helped her brush her teeth and climb into bed. I read her a story.

At nine thirty, my aunt and uncle came home.

I can't write any more tonight. I'm too tired. It was a good day.

Danny



LET'S DO IT!



Danny had a busy day and felt tired. Have you ever done something that made you very tired? Share your experience with a partner. Write in your diary about your experience.

Lesson 8: Unit Review

I. Building Your Vocabulary

A. Fill in each blank with the proper word from the list. Use the correct form.

need hold kick set get

- Days _____ longer in spring.
- When we play soccer, we _____ the ball.
- It's still cold. I _____ my jacket and boots.
- The sun _____ in the evening.
- Please _____ the swing for me. I want to climb down.

B. Find the proper words in this unit.

- the opposite of pull: _____
- a short-lasting fall of rain: _____
- something that is true or real: _____
- way from one place to another, where cars, buses can drive: _____
- a piece of ground where children play in a school: _____

C. Fill in the blank with the proper word. The first letter is given.

- S_____ we meet at the zoo tomorrow?
— Okay! See you then.

- Brian p_____ the door open and went into the room.
- She c_____ up high in the tree and couldn't get down.
- The season has c_____. It's spring now.
- The sun r_____ later and sets earlier in the fall.
- That's Jenny. She is h_____ a book in her hand.
- Kite flying has a r_____ long history in China.
- Debbie fell off and hurt h_____. She couldn't move.

D. Complete the passage with the proper words or phrases.

Danny's favourite season is spring. He likes rain! He likes flowers, too. In spring, the sun _____ early every day. Sometimes it rains. The trees turn green, and the flowers come out. One day, he saw some children climb a big tree, but later they couldn't _____. Danny got a ladder for them. Danny _____ to it, and the children began to come down _____. "Don't push," Danny said. "You will be safe."

II. Grammar in Use

A. Fill in the blanks with proper prepositions.

- Trees turn green _____ spring.
- Tony was born _____ March 5, 2001.
- My uncle arrived _____ the morning of May 7th.
- I usually get up _____ 7:00 in the morning.
- Jenny will come _____ about 15 minutes.
- We will have dinner together _____ noon.
- He likes to write letters _____ night.

B. Match the words to make compound words.

kilo ball
news plane
no body
foot metre
air paper

some time
out man
bath side
snow stand
under room

III. Speaking the Language

Complete the following dialogue.

(Paul is talking with his mother on the phone.)

Mother: Hello!

Paul: Hello, Mom! _____

M: Oh, hello, Paul! How are you?

P: I'm very well, Mom. _____

M: Fine. _____

P: It's warm and sunny here.

M: _____

P: It's 18 degrees. My friends and I are going to ride our bicycles this afternoon.

M: What a nice day! _____

P: Thanks.

M: Bye!

P: Bye, Mom!

IV. Putting It All Together

A. Reading comprehension

It's Spring! Time to Play Outdoors!

What do people like doing to have fun outdoors in spring? Flying kites, cycling, in-line skating and soccer are popular outdoor activities. Chinese people like to fly kites in the early spring. Kite flying has a long history in China. People, young and old, have fun flying kites outside. When the weather is warm and the sun is shining, people also like to go cycling. What is cycling? Cycling means riding a bicycle. Many people ride bicycles for fun and exercise.

Do you enjoy skating? You skate on ice in winter. In spring, there is no ice, but many people still want to skate! So they put on skates with wheels. They skate on sidewalks and roads. Many teenagers like in-line skating. Many teenagers also like to have fun playing soccer. Do you remember the word soccer? Soccer and football mean the same thing. Many schools have soccer teams for children and teenagers.



Is the statement true (T) or false (F)?

- () 1. Chinese people like to fly kites in the early spring.
- () 2. Kite flying has a long history in China.
- () 3. Most young people ride bicycles for fun and exercise.
- () 4. Many teenagers like in-line skating.
- () 5. Soccer and football are different.



B. Oral practice

Do you like flying kites, climbing mountains or having a picnic?
In a small group, discuss what outdoor activities you like to do in spring.

Do You Know?

Talking About Weather

What's the weather like today?

It's rather cool/warm today, isn't it?

It's sunny/rainy/snowy/windy/warm/hot/cold/
cool ...

It's a nice day today!

What a cold day!

It's getting warmer.

Compound Words

sun + light = _____ basket + ball = _____

Conversions & Derivations

water ➔ water

plant ➔ plant

build ➔ building

cloud ➔ cloudy

snow ➔ snowy

wait ➔ waitress

Prepositions

in spring/summer ...; on Monday/Tuesday ...

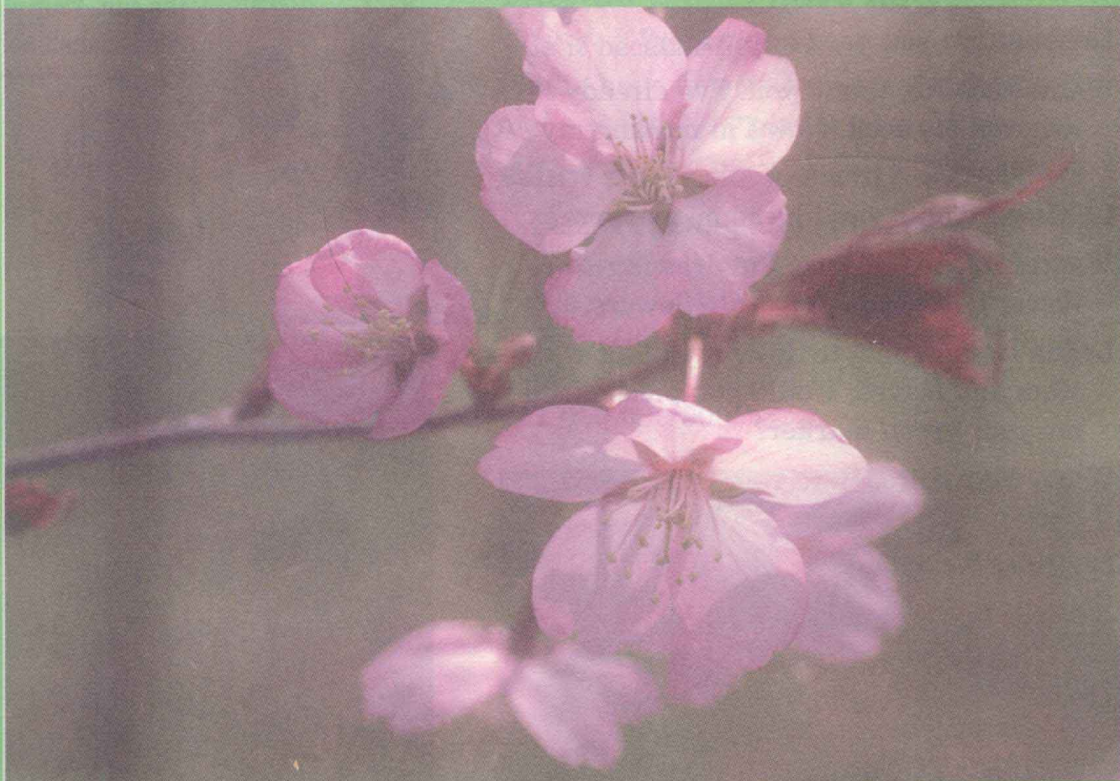
in March/April ...; on March 21st

in about fifteen minutes; at about six o'clock

UNIT 2

Lessons 9 ~ 16

Plant a Plant!



You Will Learn

Functions

- ▶ Talking About Material
- ▶ Talking About Purpose

Grammar

- ▶ Five Types of Simple Sentences

Structures

- ▶ carry ... away
- ▶ grow into ...
- ▶ make ... into ...
- ▶ put ... outside/on/into ...
- ▶ use ... to do ...

Lesson 9: How Does a Plant Grow?



THINK ABOUT IT!

- Have you ever planted a seed? How do you plant a seed?
- What does a plant need to grow?
- What colour does Li Ming use for the leaves and stems?

Planting a Seed

Li Ming and Wang Mei have planted their seeds.

LI MING: Do you need any water?

WANG MEI: No, thank you. I've already watered my seed. Now I'm making my poster.

LI MING: Would you like some markers?

WANG MEI: Yes, please. I'm drawing a flower bud. Buds grow into flowers.

LI MING: I'm going to draw my plant's stem and leaves. Would you please lend me your green marker?

WANG MEI: Sure. Here you are. Do you need a ruler?

LI MING: No, thanks.



What does "grow into" mean? Roots "grow into" plants. A boy "grows into" a man. Now do you know?



After you plant a plant in a pot, what do you do next?

PROJECT



GROW! GROW! GROW!

Discuss how to plant a seed in a pot.

- Cover your seed with soil.
- Water your seed every day. It can't water itself!
- Put it in the sun. Plants need sunshine!

Soon, your seed will grow roots and a stem. Then it will grow a leaf and then another leaf. Your seed will grow into a plant.

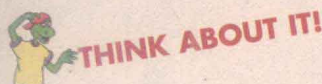
Make a poster.

How will your seed grow? Write four or five sentences.

What will your plant look like? Draw a picture of your plant and label its roots, stems, leaves and flowers.

Put your poster above your pot. Now everyone can see how your seed will grow!

Lesson 10: Plant Parts

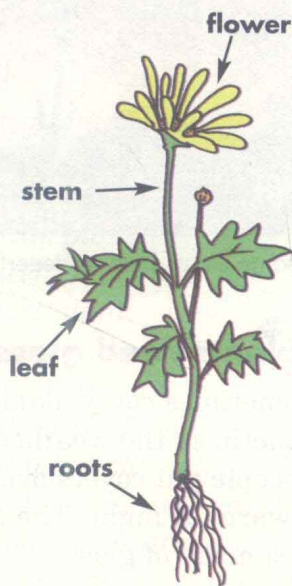


THINK ABOUT IT!

- How many plants do you think there are in the world?
- How many plants can you name?
- Why do plants have flowers?

How many parts do plants have?

A plant has four main parts:



Flowers, leaves and stems grow above ground. Roots grow below ground.

What do roots do?

Roots bring water from the ground to the plant.

What is the stem for?

The stem carries the water from the roots to the leaves and flowers.

The stem holds the leaves and flowers in the sunlight.

What are leaves for?

Leaves make food for the plant.

Why do plants have flowers?

Is it because flowers are beautiful? No! Plants have flowers because the flowers make seeds. New plants grow from seeds.

What parts do we eat?

People eat all parts of plants.

- A carrot is a root.
- We eat the leaves of cabbage.
- The seeds of the rice plant feed billions of people. What's a billion? It's 1 000 000 000!



Here are some parts of plants we eat. Can you name some of these vegetables?

LET'S DO IT!



Talk about plants with your partner. What are the parts of plants for? Fill in the chart.

Parts of plants	What is it for?