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## PREFACE

RIGHT READING has been prepared as a supplementary EFL text for beginning level students with basic knowledge of English structure and vocabulary. It is designed to increase vocabulary and to develop reading skills with quick comprehension of the salient points of the material read.

The exercises are of four basic types intended to appeal to the interest of students and teachers in the variety of subject matter presented and the challenge of the exercises. Comprehension and vocabulary development are the core elements in the composition of the exercises which require minimal oral or written reproduction on the part of the student. Oral skills practice, in fact, can be avoided at the discretion of the teacher.

The emphasis of the text is upon silent reading as rapidly as possible for quick comprehension check as provided by the exercises. Some aspects of grammar are treated in the WHAT'S MISSING? section, largely as a recognition exercise of adjectives adverbs nouns, prepositions, and verbs as these occur in the reading context. Hopefully, in this way, students will gain insight into the contextual function of these parts of speech by noting their usage as they occur in the reading.

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# **THE FOUR SEASONS**

## **Part I: Springtime**



*A farmer plowing a field to plant crops in the spring.*

Days get longer and warmer in the spring. There are new leaves on the trees. Flowers begin to grow. Rain makes the grass green and helps the plants grow.

Spring is the time of new life. Nature puts on new clothes in many colors—red, yellow, blue, white, and purple.

Birds build nests in the spring. Many baby animals appear. People like to make gardens and farmers plant crops in the fields.

Spring is the season for young love. "In the spring a young man's thoughts turn to love," according to an old saying.

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## WORDS TO KNOW

**leaf** (pl. **leaves**)—flat, green part of trees or plants

**nest**—place where birds lay their eggs

**farmer**—person having a piece of land to raise crops or animals

**crop**—product grown for use as food

**field**—piece of land used to grow crops

## EXERCISES

### A. Check ( 4 ) the true facts from the reading.

- In the spring
- a there are longer and warmer days. \_\_\_\_\_
  - b flowers begin to appear. \_\_\_\_\_
  - c people build nests. \_\_\_\_\_
  - d farmers make the grass green. \_\_\_\_\_
  - e young love is popular. \_\_\_\_\_

### B. What's missing? Find the missing adjectives in the reading.

1. Days get \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ in the spring.
2. There are \_\_\_\_\_ leaves
3. clothes in \_\_\_\_\_ colors
4. season for \_\_\_\_\_ love
5. according to an \_\_\_\_\_ saying

### C. Paragraph one says:

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. Spring is a time of growing flowers and plants.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. Rain gets warmer in the spring.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. Flowers help plants grow.

### D. Paragraph three says:

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. Baby animals build nests.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. Birds build nests in the fields.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. People plant gardens.

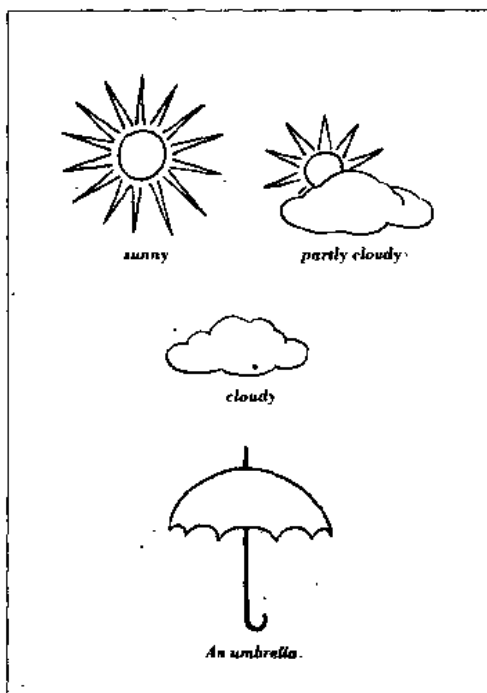
### E. Circle the answer.

1. Rain makes the grass (a) red (b) yellow (c) green.
2. In the spring (a) big (b) baby (c) small animals are seen.
3. Crops are planted by (a) young men (b) nature (c) farmers.
4. A young man begins to think about (a) nests (b) love (c) flowers.



# THE FOUR SEASONS

## Part II: Summer Days



Summer days are warm and long. They are sunny days. The days are bright and the sun is hot. The sky is blue and the air is warm. Flowers grow and the trees and the grass are green.

Sometimes there are clouds and the sky is gray. Then, it rains and people need a raincoat or an umbrella. Sometimes there is thunder and lightning. Some people are afraid of lightning.

People go swimming in the summer. They go on picnics in the park or in the country. They have vacations and go to the beach or to the mountains.

No one needs to wear a warm coat in summer.

## WORDS TO KNOW

**thunder**—loud noise made by lightning during a storm

**afraid**—having fear

**lightning**—bright, quick light in the sky caused by electricity during a storm

**vacation**—time of rest away from school or business

**beach**—seashore

## EXERCISES

### A. Check ( ✓ ) the true facts from the reading.

- In the summer
- trees and grass are green. \_\_\_\_\_
  - people need umbrellas for the rain. \_\_\_\_\_
  - swimming is popular. \_\_\_\_\_
  - people need warm coats. \_\_\_\_\_
  - there are picnics in the country. \_\_\_\_\_

### B. What's missing? Find the missing nouns in the reading.

1. The \_\_\_\_\_ is blue.
2. Sometimes there are \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Sometimes there is \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
4. They go on \_\_\_\_\_ in the park.
5. and go to the \_\_\_\_\_ or to the \_\_\_\_\_.

### C. Paragraph two says:

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. Flowers grow during the rain.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. There is rain, thunder, and lightning sometimes.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. People are afraid of the clouds.

### D. Paragraph three says:

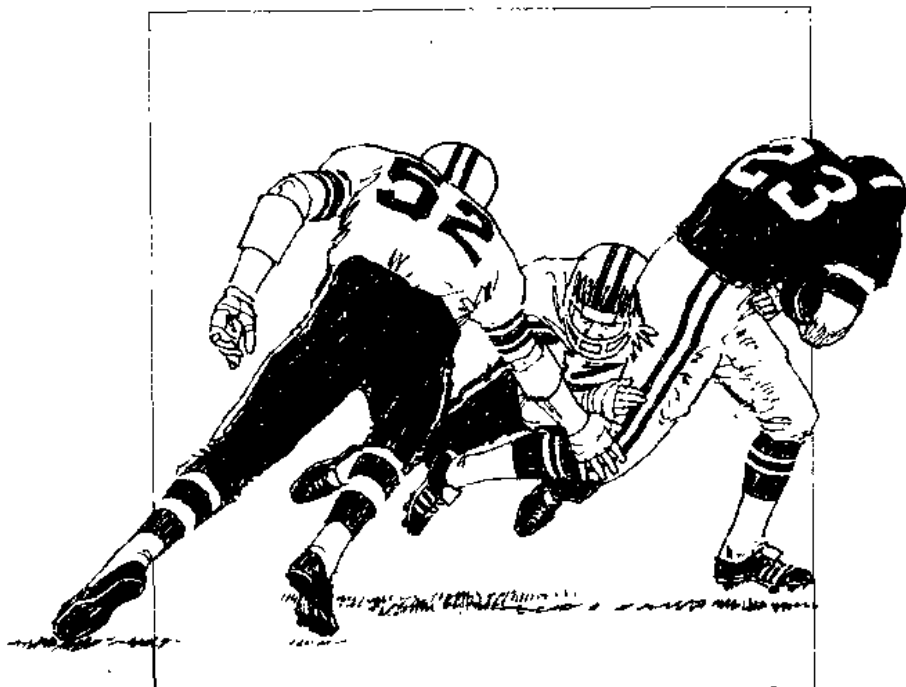
- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. Summer is a time for vacations.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. There are picnics in the rain.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. People go swimming in warm coats.

### E. Circle the answer.

1. Summer days are (a) bright and hot (b) dark and cloudy (c) cold and short.
2. The (a) sun (b) sky (c) grass is green.
3. Picnics take place in the (a) thunder (b) park (c) swimming.
4. In summer no one (a) grows (b) wears (c) plants a warm coat.

# THE FOUR SEASONS

## Part III: Autumn



*American football.*

Autumn is also called fall. Autumn days are cool. Days get shorter in autumn. Leaves begin to fall from the trees. There are yellow, red, and brown leaves. The colors of fall are beautiful.

Autumn is harvest time. It is the time to gather apples, pumpkins, and corn. Squirrels gather nuts in autumn. Many birds fly south. Students go back to school in the fall.

Football is the most popular fall sport. Thousands of people go to the games on the weekend. There are games for high schools and colleges on Fridays and Saturdays. Most professional football is played on Sundays.

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## WORDS TO KNOW

**harvest**—gathering in of food crops

**pumpkin**—large, round orange-yellow fruit used as food

**squirrel**—small animal with a long tail

**nut**—dry fruit or seed usually of certain trees or plants

**professional**—earning a living from something other people do for pleasure

## EXERCISES

### A. Check ( ✓ ) the true facts from the reading.

In the autumn

- the days are shorter and cooler. \_\_\_\_\_
- there are beautiful colors. \_\_\_\_\_
- the squirrels go back to school. \_\_\_\_\_
- birds like to gather nuts. \_\_\_\_\_
- the most popular sport is football. \_\_\_\_\_

### B. What's missing? Find the missing nouns in the reading.

1. Autumn is also called \_\_\_\_\_.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ begin to fall.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ gather nuts.
4. Many \_\_\_\_\_ fly south.
5. people go to the games on the \_\_\_\_\_.

### C. Paragraph two says:

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. Autumn is planting time.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. Autumn is vacation time.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. Autumn is harvest time.

### D. Paragraph three says:

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. Students go back to college.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. College football is professional.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. Football is a popular fall sport.

### E. Circle the answer.

1. Beautiful (a) birds (b) nuts (c) colors are seen in autumn.
2. (a) Apples (b) Squirrels (c) Flowers are gathered in the fall.
3. Football games have thousands of (a) nuts (b) people (c) pumpkins.
4. The day for (a) college (b) high school (c) professional football is Sunday.

# THE FOUR SEASONS

## Part IV: Winter



Winter days are short and cold. The days get dark early. People have to get up and go to bed in the dark. Sometimes on cold mornings there is frost on the grass and on the streets, sidewalks, and cars.

On some days in winter it snows. A snowy day is cloudy and cold. Sometimes the wind blows during a snow. A lot of snow and wind is called a blizzard.

Winter is the time to wear warm clothing and to stay inside near the fire. It is also a time for the winter sport of skiing. Many people go to the mountains to ski.

## WORDS TO KNOW

**frost**—small drops of water frozen on the surface

**sidewalk**—place to walk on the side of street, usually paved

**snow**—white crystals of frozen water vapor falling from the sky

**ski**—to go on snow wearing long, flat pieces of wood on the feet

## EXERCISES

### A. Check (✓) the true facts from the reading.

- In the winter
- the days are shorter. \_\_\_\_\_
  - frost appears on the grass. \_\_\_\_\_
  - there are many warm, sunny days. \_\_\_\_\_
  - people get up in the dark. \_\_\_\_\_
  - warm clothing is necessary. \_\_\_\_\_

### B. What's missing? Find the missing adjectives in the reading.

1. The days get \_\_\_\_\_ early.
2. On \_\_\_\_\_ days in winter
3. A \_\_\_\_\_ day is cloudy and cold.
4. Time to wear \_\_\_\_\_ clothing
5. \_\_\_\_\_ people go to the mountains.

### C. Paragraph one says:

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. Winter mornings are dark.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. There is frost on the beds.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. The sidewalks get dark early.

### D. Paragraph three says:

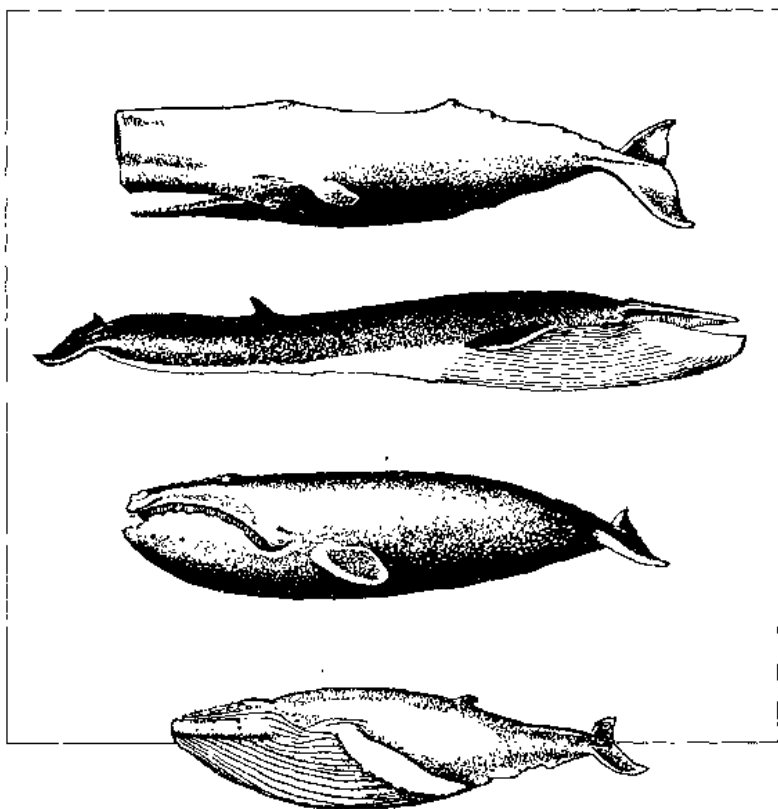
- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. People ski near the fire.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. Skiing is a winter sport.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. The wind blows a lot.

### E. Circle the answer.

1. It's necessary for people to (a) eat lunch (b) get up (c) study in the dark.
2. A blizzard has a lot of snow and (a) frost (b) wind (c) fire.
3. Frost gets on (a) cars (b) clothing (c) people.
4. In winter it is good to stay inside (a) away from (b) over (c) near the fire.

# WHALES

## Part I



*Various kinds of whales.*

Whales are the biggest animals in the sea. They are much bigger than any animal on land. The largest whales are more than 30 meters long.

Whales live in water, but they are not fish. They have warm blood and they breathe air through a hole in the top of their head. They can stay under water for about an hour without breathing.

## WORDS TO KNOW

**whale**—large sea animal with the form of a fish

**blood**—red, life-giving liquid in the body of people and animals

**breathe**—to bring air into and send it out of the lungs

**hole**—an open place

**top**—the highest part

## EXERCISES

### A. Check ( ✓ ) the true facts from the reading.

Whales

- are land animals. \_\_\_\_\_
- need air to live. \_\_\_\_\_
- have a nose. \_\_\_\_\_
- are fish. \_\_\_\_\_
- have warm blood. \_\_\_\_\_
- breathe under water. \_\_\_\_\_
- live in the sea. \_\_\_\_\_
- have a hole in their head. \_\_\_\_\_
- are smaller than some land animals. \_\_\_\_\_

### B. What's missing? Find the missing words in the reading.

1. biggest animals \_\_\_\_\_ the sea
2. bigger \_\_\_\_\_ any animal
3. breathe air \_\_\_\_\_ a hole
4. can stay \_\_\_\_\_ water

### C. Paragraph two says:

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. Whales are the biggest animals.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. Whales can breathe under water.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. Whales are not fish.

### D. Circle the answer.

1. Whales are not (a) animals (b) fish (c) heads.
2. Whales have (a) a hole (b) blood (c) a throat in the top of their head.
3. Whales have (a) warm air (b) warm blood (c) warm water.



# WHALES

## Part II



*A large killer whale.*

There are two kinds of whales. One kind has a big mouth with teeth. Its mouth measures four meters in depth. It can eat other large animals of the sea. This kind is called a killer whale.

The other kind of whale is much larger than the killer whale. It has no teeth. Instead, it has rows of bone in its mouth. Small sea life is caught in these bones. These whales also have a very small throat. They cannot swallow anything larger than an apple.

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