A Year in a Poem

By Guy Belleranti

Drink lots of water
On hot summer days
And put on sunscreen
To block the sun’s rays.

When autumn leaves fall
Rake them in a pile.
Then jump happily
In the leaves and smile!

Spring greets with birdsong
And plants in flower,
Then adds a surprise—
A cool, wet shower!

Winter soon follows.
Spend warm time inside.
But after it snows
Get your sled and slide!
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   a. the sun
   b. the four seasons
   c. keeping warm outdoors
   d. the different times of day

2. Why does the writer say you should wear sunscreen?
   ________________________________________________________________
   ________________________________________________________________

3. Reread the fifth and sixth lines of the poem, copied below:
   What does the underlined word mean?
   a. fall
   b. leaves
   c. spring
   d. none of these

4. Complete the chart to the right by filling in the missing seasons in the correct order.
   Use the poem to help you.

   ______________________  ______
   ______________________  autumn
Fill in the missing letters to create a word from the poem. Then write the full word on the line provided. Be sure each word is spelled correctly.

1. s ____ n s c ____ e ____ n
   clue: lotion that protects skin

2. ____ u r p ____ i ____ e
   clue: something unexpected

3. r a ____ e
   clue: to gather together with a tool of the same name

4. ____ i n t ____ r
   clue: usually the coldest of the seasons

5. s l ____ d ____
   clue: to move smoothly on a surface
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Write about your favorite season. What makes it so special? Why do you like this season better than the others?
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   summer  
   autumn  
   winter  
   spring  

   You should wear sunscreen to block the sun's rays.
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1. sunscreen
2. surprise
3. rake
4. winter
5. slide

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