

# Geography - Comparing calendars: Spain & Australia

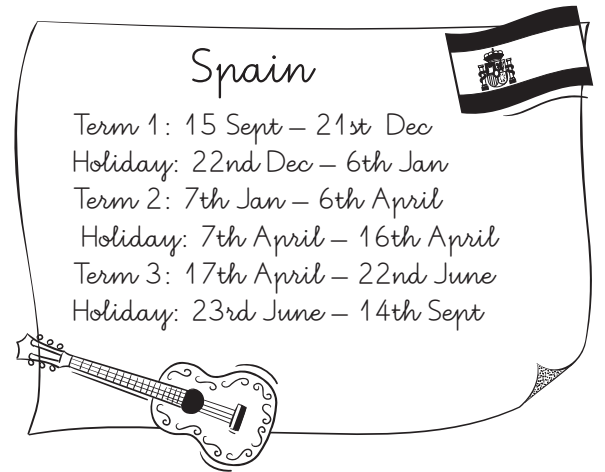
## 1 Look at the calendars and answer the questions.

- 1 When does the school year start in Spain?  
On the 15th September.
- 2 When does the school year start in Australia?  
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- 3 When does the school year end in Spain?  
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- 4 When does the school year end in Australia?  
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- 5 When does Term 4 end in Australia?  
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- 6 When does Term 1 end in Spain?  
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- 7 When does the summer holiday start in Australia?  
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- 8 When does the summer holiday start in Spain?  
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**Australia**

Term 1: 25th Jan – 1st April  
 Holiday: 2nd April – 17th April  
 Term 2: 18th April – 24th June  
 Holiday: 25th June – 10th July  
 Term 3: 11th July – 16th Sept  
 Holiday: 17th Sept – 2nd Oct  
 Term 4: 3rd Oct – 21st Dec  
 Holiday: 22nd Dec – 24th Jan



**Spain**

Term 1: 15 Sept – 21st Dec  
 Holiday: 22nd Dec – 6th Jan  
 Term 2: 7th Jan – 6th April  
 Holiday: 7th April – 16th April  
 Term 3: 17th April – 22nd June  
 Holiday: 23rd June – 14th Sept

## 2 Read and circle True or False.

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| 1 Term 1 is shorter in Australia.               | <input checked="" type="radio"/> True <input type="radio"/> False |
| 2 Term 2 is longer in Spain.                    | <input type="radio"/> True <input type="radio"/> False            |
| 3 The Christmas holiday is longer in Australia. | <input type="radio"/> True <input type="radio"/> False            |
| 4 Term 3 is shorter in Spain.                   | <input type="radio"/> True <input type="radio"/> False            |

## 3 Read and answer the questions.

It's Christmas and I'm swimming at the beach.

It's August and I'm playing on the beach.

- 1 Where is he? He's in Australia .      2 Where is she? \_\_\_\_\_ .

It's 10<sup>th</sup> January and we're at school.

It's August and we're wearing winter clothes.

- 3 Where are they? \_\_\_\_\_ .      4 Where are they? \_\_\_\_\_ .



## Subject: Geography

### Comparing calendars: Spain and Australia

**Objective:** Comparing calendars: Spain and Australia

**Vocabulary:** months of the year, *term, holiday, school*

#### Introduction

As part of understanding the movement of the planet Earth, pupils are aware of the seasonal differences around the world. This worksheet helps pupils realise the consequences of these differences on the yearly school timetable.

#### Warm up

- Show the pupils a globe. Ask a volunteer to find Spain. Ask: *Is Spain in the northern or the southern hemisphere?*
- Ask: *Where's Australia? Is it in the northern or the southern hemisphere?*
- Ask a student to find Australia on the map.
- Ask questions about Australia. *Is it daytime in Australia?*
- Talk about the seasons. *What season is it here? What season is it in Australia?*

#### Activity 1

- Ask questions about the school year. *When does the summer holiday start? When does the school year start?*
- Explain that the worksheet shows the yearly timetable of a school in Spain and a school in Australia.

- Read the first question out loud. Ask for a volunteer to answer.
  - Ask the pupils to read the following questions out loud.
  - Pupils write the answers on the worksheet.
- Answer key** 1-15<sup>th</sup> September; 2-25<sup>th</sup> January; 3-22<sup>nd</sup> June; 4-21<sup>st</sup> December; 5-21<sup>st</sup> December; 6-21<sup>st</sup> December; 7-22<sup>nd</sup> December; 8-23<sup>rd</sup> June

#### Activity 2

- Pupils read the sentences in silence and circle the answers.
  - Ask for volunteers to read the sentences out loud.
- Answer key** 1-True; 2-True; 3-True; 4-False

#### Activity 3

- Pupils answer the questions.
  - Ask for volunteers to read the answers out loud.
- Answer key** 1-Australia; 2-Spain; 3-Spain; 4-Australia

#### Project ideas

- Make a collage with pictures of Australia. Include a fact sheet with information such as: size of population, size of country, main cities, etc.
- Find a school in Australia. Send an e-mail from the class with questions about their daily life.