

# Spring

## Pre-reading

### Questions:

- What do you know about spring?

### Definitions:

- Awake – to wake from sleep
- Appear – to come into view; to be seen
- Sprout – to start to grow



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## Reading

16 Sue loves spring. It is a season of new life. Nature awakes from its long winter  
31 sleep. New grass appears. New leaves bud on trees. The air smells fresh and new.  
45 Sue loves to hear the chirping of the birds. They have returned from their  
60 winter homes. Some are busy building new homes. Look up in the trees. You may  
63 spot a nest!  
77 Sue enjoys looking for new flowers that sprout in her garden. Tulips are some  
95 of the first to push their way out of the ground. The spring rains help the earth come  
102 alive. The April showers bring May flowers.  
116 Sue loves the new hours of spring daylight. The nights get shorter. The days  
129 grow longer. Warmer weather arrives. Sue sheds her heavy coat. She packs away  
145 her winter gloves and scarves. A new smile comes across her face. She is ready for  
148 warmer spring days.

## Understanding

1. What is a nest? \_\_\_\_\_  
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2. What are some signs of spring? \_\_\_\_\_  
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3. What sound does Sue love to hear in spring? \_\_\_\_\_  
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4. Which month has spring rains? \_\_\_\_\_  
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5. What does the word **shed** mean in this story?
  - a. A small building used to store things.
  - b. To take off.
  - c. To let something flow out.

## Writing

Choice A: Retell this story in your own words.

Choice B: Write about the season of spring. What do you like about it? What do not like about it?

Choice C: Write about the season you like best.

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