

Game: Guess Our Favourites

An activity of "It happened in June: the longest (and shortest) day"

For parts of the world that have winters and summers, daytime and nighttime can vary quite a bit. Summer sunrises are earlier and sunsets are later than during winter months. To understand why, read "It happened in June: the longest (and shortest) day" and its side bar "Out Tilted Planet" (page 18–19, *What's Up* June 2026).

Here is Singapore, although we don't have seasons, we do experience weather changes. Also, many of our festivals are associated with the sun and the moon. Have some fun by playing a game about what you and your classmates like (and dislike) about all this. In the process, you would get to know one another better.

ON YOUR OWN

1. Respond to any THREE of the following prompts, using a separate slip of paper for each one. Write in complete sentences. Add your name in very small letters on the back of each slip.
 - My favourite time of the day (e.g. morning, afternoon, evening, night). Why.
 - My favourite type of weather (e.g. sunny, rainy, cloudy but dry) Why.
 - What I like most about warm weather. Why.
 - What I like most about cool weather. Why.
 - My favourite season-related festival. Why.
 - What the sun means to me.
 - What the moon means to me.

AS A WHOLE CLASS

2. Before the game starts: All students put their slips of paper in a large envelope. The slips are mixed by shaking the envelope well. The class forms two teams, A & B.
3. The game leader randomly picks one slip of paper from the common envelope and reads it out to the class, without revealing the writer's name. The slip's writer must not show any signs of being the one. Based on what you know about one another, guess whose words were read out. When someone guesses correctly, that guesser's team scores 10 points. Play the game until all the slips are read. The team that scores the highest wins.
4. After the game, have a brief whole-class discussion. Was it easy to guess who wrote each slip? What were the clues you used? Which responses surprised you, and why? Which of the favourites were shared by most of your classmates?