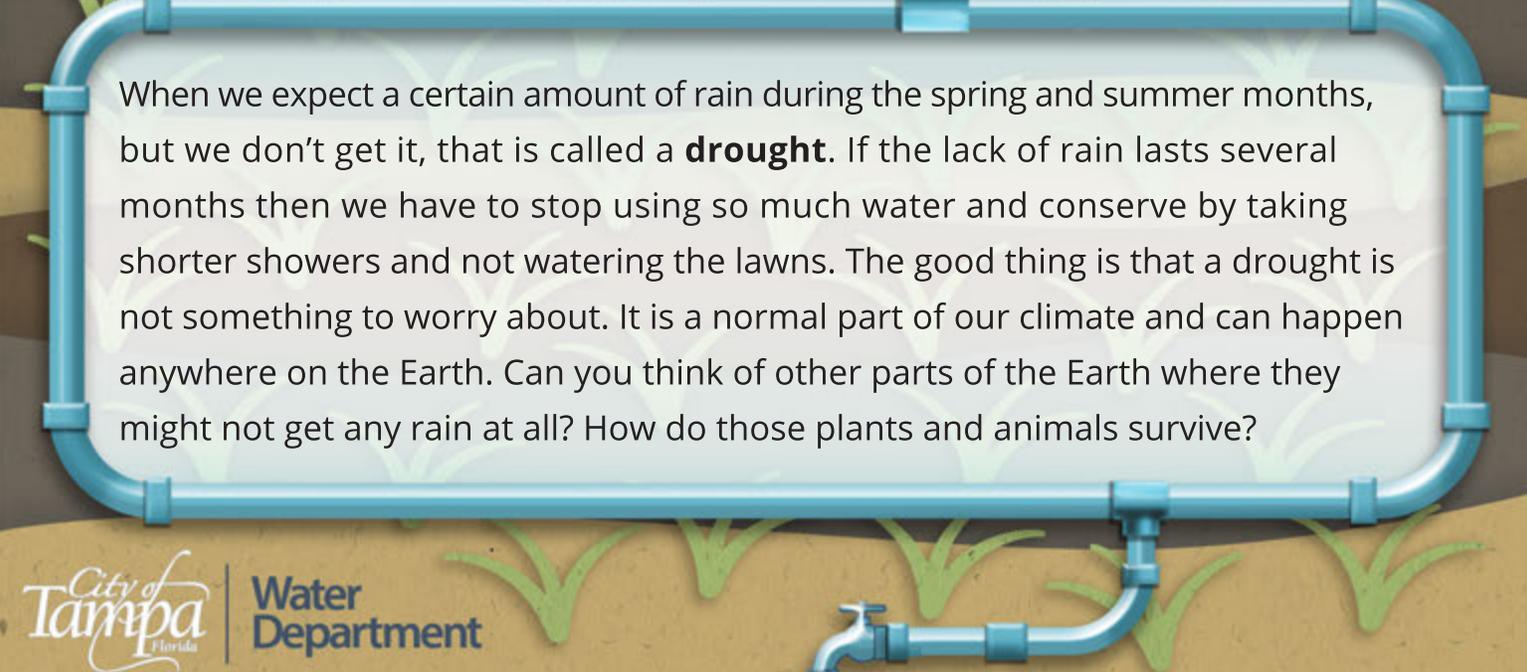


What is a Season?



It is a time of year in which you expect certain weather patterns. In the summer you expect heat and rain, in the fall you expect cool temperature and the leaves to fall. So, how many seasons do we have in Florida? Four? Well, the seasons in Florida are determined more so by our rain fall than by temperature. In the spring and summer, we have hot and wet weather and in the fall and winter it is pretty dry, mild and cool, making it our dry season.

drought



When we expect a certain amount of rain during the spring and summer months, but we don't get it, that is called a **drought**. If the lack of rain lasts several months then we have to stop using so much water and conserve by taking shorter showers and not watering the lawns. The good thing is that a drought is not something to worry about. It is a normal part of our climate and can happen anywhere on the Earth. Can you think of other parts of the Earth where they might not get any rain at all? How do those plants and animals survive?

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Planting for the Right Weather

Have you ever helped your parents buy a plant, only to have it die once you planted it in the ground? Putting plants in the right place is important to help them live long and be able to enjoy them in your yard. The important thing to remember is that you need to match the right plant with the right soil, right amount of sun and right amount of water. This kind of gardening is called, **Florida-Friendly Landscaping™**

When you plant a Florida-Friendly yard, you want to plant a yard that will thrive on a lot of direct sunlight and rainfall during parts of the year. This will save your parents a lot of money on the water bill. So make sure you help them pick the right plants! Pick plants that don't need a lot of watering, so that they can survive on the rainfall alone. You can also group the plants together based on what they like. Does one plant like a lot of sun? Put that one with other plants that like a lot of sun, and this will help conserve water.

What is a Season?



Word Search

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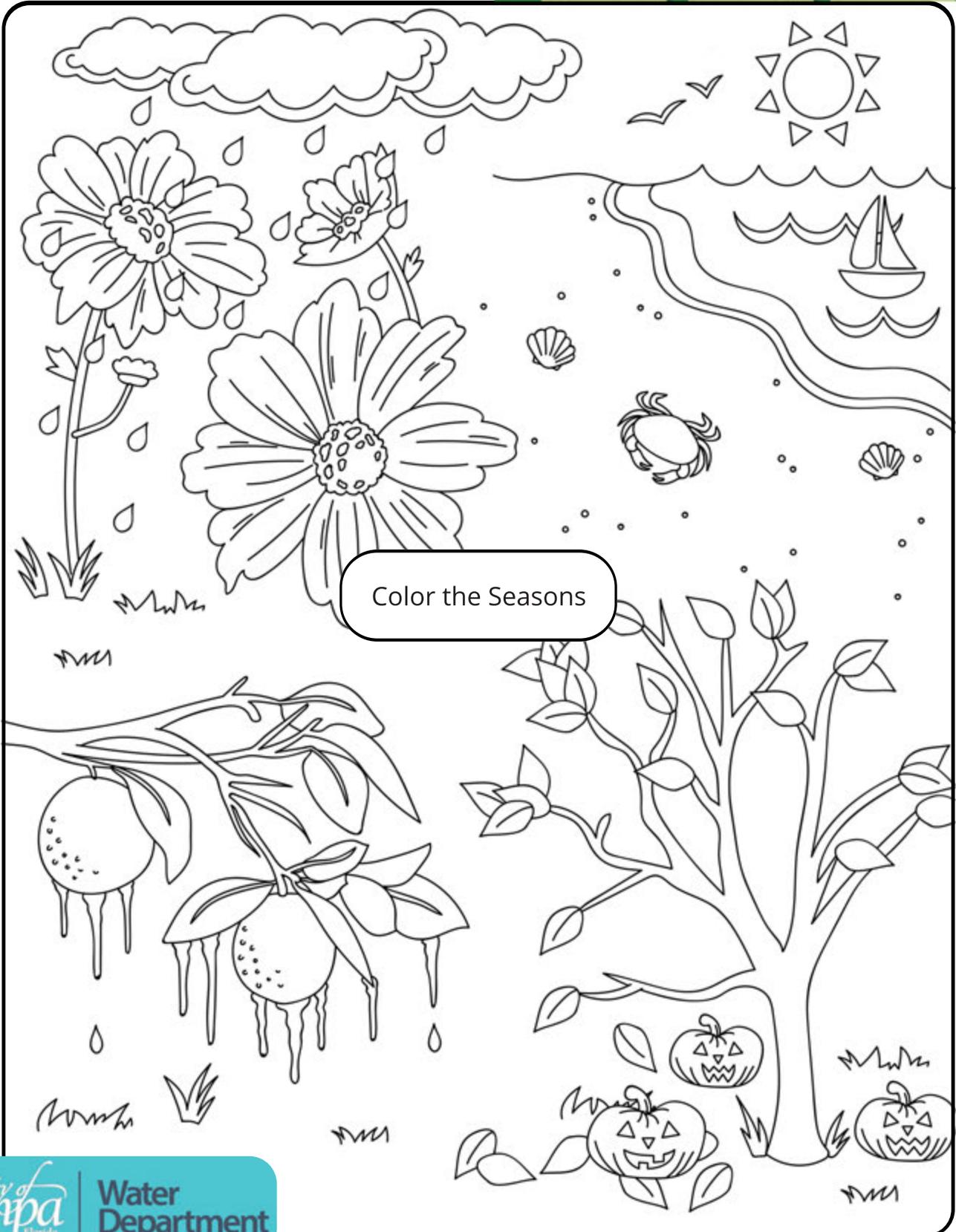
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Color the Seasons