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Summer And Winter Shift Answer Key

Answers will vary. A correct response should include:

- Two descriptions of the same place in different seasons.
- Clear contrast in tone, sensory details, and mood.
- At least 3 sentences for each section.
- Accurate use of descriptive language that fits each season.

Example (not required for students):

Summer: Sunlight danced on the bright blue water as warm waves tapped against the wooden dock. The air smelled like sunscreen and pine trees, and laughter echoed from the shore. Dragonflies zipped over the water, making the dock feel full of life.

Winter: The dock stood stiff and silent as thin ice clung to the edges of the lake. A cold wind swept across the empty boards, leaving small snowflakes scattered in the cracks. The whole place felt hushed and lonely.

Teacher's Guide

Purpose: Help Grades 4 to 6 students understand how seasonal changes affect mood, tone, and sensory details in descriptive writing.

How to Use

- Review features of different seasons: temperature, light, activity, colors, and sounds.
- Model comparing one setting detail in two seasons, such as water movement or air temperature.
- Encourage students to visualize the dock as they write or sketch it first.

Differentiation Tips

- Provide a list of seasonal words for students who need support, such as crisp, frozen, humid, buzzing, breezy, bright.
- Challenge advanced students to include at least one metaphor or simile in each description.