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Captain John Smith Chesapeake National Historic Trail

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Today, we say that there are four seasons: summer, fall, winter, and spring. The Virginia Algonquian language, however, has five seasons. Cohattayough, or mid-spring to mid-summer, is when planting takes place. After that is nepinough, or late-summer to mid-fall, when crops are harvested. Late-fall and early-winter is called taquitock. Next, popanow is late-winter and early-spring. Food supply runs low during this season. Finally, cattapeuk is early spring, when the weather begins to warm again.

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