

Autumn

English Activity



Name: _____

All About Autumn

Your first task is to produce a short, non-fiction text all about autumn. It can be presented however you like - anything from a leaflet to a poster. Use the boxes below to help you to gather and organise your information.

Which months are in autumn?

Interesting Fact 1:

How does the dictionary define autumn?

Clothing you'll need in autumn:



Things you can see in autumn:

Plant life you will see in autumn:

Interesting Fact 2:

Crops which are harvested in autumn:

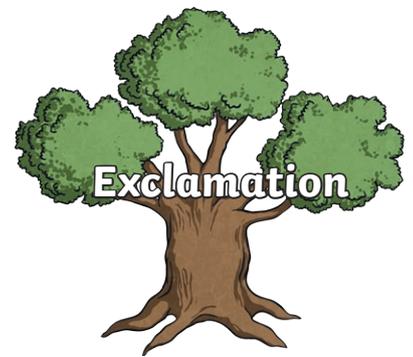
Animals which hibernate and migrate:

Things you can hear in autumn:

Things to do in autumn:

A Tree-mendous Mix Up

The autumn leaves have been falling off the trees in the local park and have become all mixed up on the floor. Can you return the leaves back to the tree they came from by matching the sentence to the correct sentence type?



Write one example of each type of sentence below, about the different things you can do with leaves.

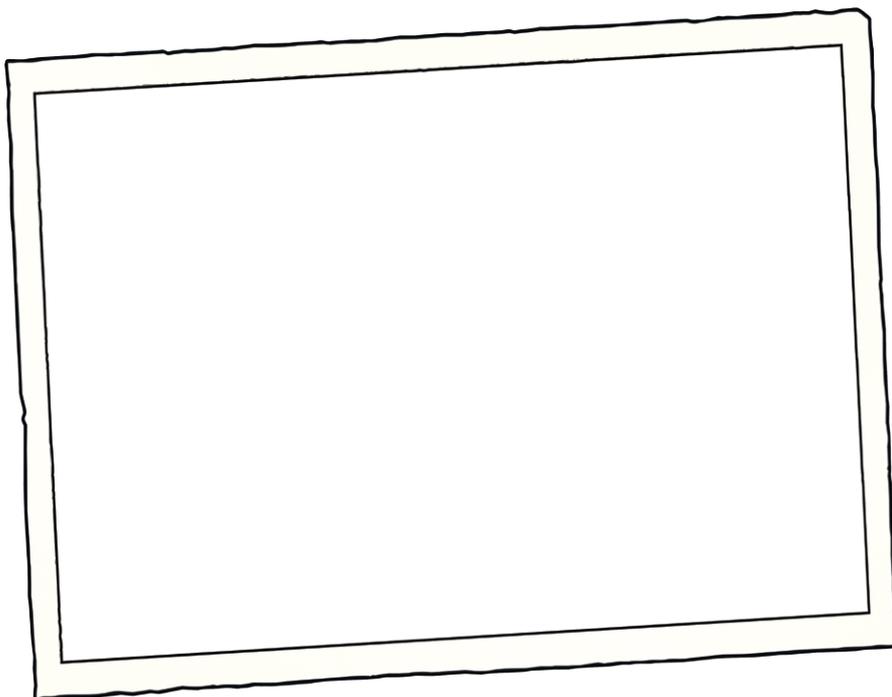
As Pretty as a Picture

Look at this beautiful autumnal scene. Can you write four sentences about the lovely things you can see, using an appropriate preposition? Use the bank of prepositions below to help you.



on next to through beside beneath over behind

Draw your own autumnal scene and write a short description of what you can see. Use a preposition in every sentence.



Knot a Grate Harvest

Farmer Eric's diary entry is a sight for sore eyes. Can you go through the entry and correct all of his mistakes? Watch out for the tricky homophones.

Dear diary,

The knights are long and the daze are now short. It is difficult two harvest the grate crops we have groan in the missed and rein. The whether has knot been kind too us – we have knot scene the son in weeks. Oh, what I'd give to sea a blew sky and here the birds sing as I mow the fields. May bee tomorrow will bring a better day...

Farmer Eric.



The Fires of Autumn by A.A. Milne

The most important piece of furniture in any room is the fireplace. For half the year we sit round it, warming ourselves at its heat; for the other half of the year we continue to sit round it, only because we are used to it and we are too lazy to move the chairs.

The lighting of the first fire of the autumn is certainly a special event. As much as I am sad that summer has gone, I cannot help but to rejoice in the first autumn days, days so cheerful and so very much alive. By November, the freshness has left them and I spend much time wishing that I could go back to August, or hop forwards to April. But it is in October that I taste the delights of the fireside again and find them to be even better than I had remembered.

Although I write 'October', this year it was in September that I lit my first fire. Perhaps as the owner of a new and (as I think) a very beautiful fireplace, I may be excused. At first, I wondered if a fireplace so delightful would even support a fire, so I struck the match nervously and waited. I watched as the sticks caught up the flame from the dying paper and handed it on to the coal. In a little while the coal had made room for the logs and my first autumn fire in my brilliant new fireplace was alive and dancing.



1. Find and copy three adjectives that the author uses to describe his fireplace.

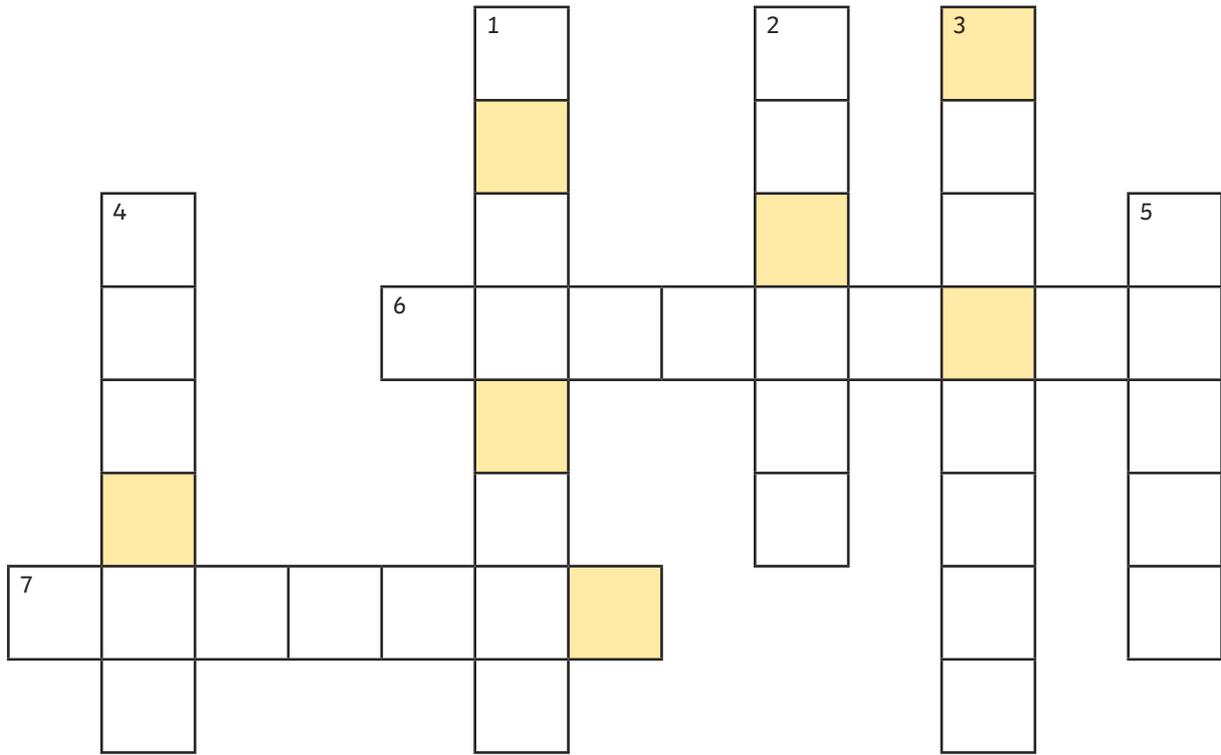
2. Why do you think the author describes the first autumn days as 'so cheerful and so very much alive'?

3. Why do you think that the author lit his first fire a month earlier than normal?

4. This text was written almost one hundred years ago. Do you think people use their fireplaces as much today as they did then? Explain your answer.

Criss-Cross Conundrum

Can you solve the tricky clues below to figure out the words in this crossword? Make sure that you spell your answers correctly to reveal the secret hidden word.



Across

6. The thing you like the most is your...
7. One out of four pieces is called a...

Down

1. Chips and crisps are made out of these.
2. This is made up of 60 seconds.
3. Something doctors will give you if you are poorly.
4. Actors, singers and footballers are this.
5. The muscle which pumps blood around the body.

What does the secret hidden word mean? Ask an adult, use a dictionary or research in your own way.

Write the secret hidden word in a sentence.

Think and Write: An Autumn Treat.

Use this picture as inspiration to write about the autumn adventures of Heidi Hedgehog.



Sentence 1: Include an expanded noun phrase.

Sentence 2: Include the subordinating conjunction, because.

Sentence 3: Include a possessive apostrophe.

Sentence 4: Write an exclamation sentence.

Sentence 5: Write a sentence which begins with a fronted adverbial.

An Extract From

Autumn by Arthur Ransome

Once upon a time, there lived four beautiful little girls, Spring, Summer, Autumn and Winter. Winter wore a white dress with red berries in her hair. Spring had a dress of bright green with a beautiful wreath of primroses and violets on her head. Summer dressed in deep green with a crown of leaves and flowers. However, Autumn was only allowed Summer's old dresses when they were faded and nearly worn out. Although Autumn was very unhappy about this she went about bravely with a smiling face.

One day, a fairy Godmother came into the garden and asked to see all her little Godchildren. Spring, Summer and Winter all put on their best frocks and came to see her, but poor Autumn could only wear Summer's old dress, which she did as well as she could. Autumn was shy because she knew that her dress was only an old faded one and not as pretty as the bright and eye-catching clothes of her sisters.

The Godmother greeted the others but, when she came to Autumn, she saw that all was not quite well. Autumn whispered that she was sorry that she was not looking as pretty as the others, but that she really could not help it because she had no frocks of her own. The Godmother smiled and took her in her arms. She held Autumn's hand and together they went into the garden, down to the edge of the pond.



1. Find and copy one word from the story which means the same as 'dress'.

2. Why does Autumn feel shy at the beginning of the story?

3. What do you think the fairy Godmother will do with Autumn?

4. Write about another story you know which has a fairy Godmother in it.

A Hi-bear-nation Hullabaloo

The words below are written in code but our chief code breaker, Mr B. Ear, has gone into hibernation. Break the code using the information below. Find the letter from the code word on the top row and swap it for the letter below it. What hidden words are being spelled?

a	b	c	d	e	f	g	h	i	j	k	l	m	n	o	p	q	r	s	t	u	v	w	x	y	z
e	v	d	x	y	b	i	a	h	u	p	g	m	o	r	j	k	f	c	l	q	n	t	s	w	z

shtavcho

gxthvc

xkasght

ahote

savwjoe

fgsesta

gvsoahxa

Can you use the code above to make your own, autumn-themed code words? Ask an adult to try and decipher them.

_____	→	_____
_____	→	_____
_____	→	_____
_____	→	_____
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What a Rotten Bunch!

These adjectives are so boring that they've made the apples go rotten! Can you think of four new adjectives for each word which mean the same thing but are far more exciting? Write one adjective on each new fruit to keep your writing fresh and tasty.

good

big

bad

small

Pick your favourite adjective from each section and write it in a sentence.

Take It Or Leaf It

Your spelling words are hidden in the word search below. Can you find them all before the last leaves fall from the trees?

a e i t c b l a d p w c
t v a l h e p t u o t f
w z u c e e r p y s r d
n b b b t z r t o i i k
a o a s p u k e a t e f
u v c e u v a v f i i n
g b c p h p f l r o n j
h e i a g i i b l n r z
t f d r h h q c i y x e
y x e a h n s k a c s q
l h n t w s l v y o a k
z o t e a d d r e s s p

accident

actually

address

certain

naughty

position

separate

therefore

Write each one of the words you find in a sentence below.
