

# Golden Autumn (worksheet)

## Activity 1

Close your eyes and listen to the recording your teacher will play you.

How does it make you feel?

What do you associate with this melody?

What three things do you associate with autumn? Why?



## Activity 2

Read the rhymes and guess the words. What do these words have in common?

1. What's a big orange vegetable that rhymes with skin?
2. The color of leaves that rhymes with bed?
3. The color of leaves that rhymes with hello?
4. The color of leaves that rhymes with down?
5. What vegetable is yellow and rhymes with born?
6. What fall holiday rhymes with teen?
7. What is another word for autumn that rhymes with ball?
8. What do farmers harvest that rhymes with mops?
9. What falls to the ground and rhymes with reef?
10. What do students start that rhymes with cool?

Rhymes adjusted from <http://bogglesworldesl.com/>

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### Activity 3

Look at the picture. Answer the questions.



Who can you see?

Who do you think she is?

Do you think she likes autumn?

What possible reasons to like autumn are there?

Read the text and check your predictions. What is the main reason she likes autumn?

## My favourite things about autumn

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If you live in the Northern hemisphere, autumn is probably taking over in your country. In the South of France, where I am working for my year abroad, we have been extremely lucky with the weather this year. I only started wearing a coat a few weeks ago, and last weekend I had a picnic in the park with all my friends! However, I am starting to slowly accept that this weather won't be around forever, and as the days get shorter and colder and winter creeps up on us, I'd like to remind myself of the best things about my favourite season ...

### The colours

I love the slow change from green to orange to red to brown during the months of autumn. Nothing is more beautiful to me than walking down a long road with trees full of leaves on either side, all of different colours and textures. Whether a park, street or your garden, autumn makes any location look like a postcard!

### Being outside

In September, October and November, the weather is colder than usual, but I find it refreshing and crisp. I love running around outside to warm up, whether by going for an afternoon jog or climbing all over piles of leaves like a child! These months are the last chance to spend a lot of time outside before winter comes, so I try to make the most of it.

### The food

I love the dishes that accompany cold weather: they are warming, filling and comforting. My preferred meal is a casserole or stew with lots of rice or mashed potatoes, or my mum's spicy curry. It's just the kind of thing you want to come home to after a long day of work or school.

### The holidays

Autumn is packed with the best holidays of the whole year! Most people know about Halloween, which is popular worldwide, but in England there are even more celebrations! We love Bonfire Night and Guy Fawkes' Day, which involve being outside in the fresh air with fires and fireworks. I'm also biased because I celebrate my birthday in September, so of course I look forward to autumn every year.

Although I'm looking forward to winter, autumn is without a doubt my favourite season of all ... so I'm already counting down the months to next September!

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## Activity 4

Look at the highlighted words in the text. Do you know what they mean?  
Match them with their definitions. Use the text to help you..

1. hemisphere		a. to happen gradually when you do not notice
2. to take over		b. to take full advantage of something because it may not last long
3. to creep up on smb		c. a kind of food made from meat and veggies cooked in liquid
4. crisp		d. showing subjective support for sth/smb because of personal opinions
5. pile		e. a kind of food which makes you feel better
6. to make the most of sth		f. one half of the Earth
7. comforting		g. pleasantly cold and dry
8. casserole		h. to count backwards to zero
9. biased		i. to get control of or responsibility for something
10. to count down		j. a small hill of something



## Activity 5

Read the text again and find answers to these questions.

1. Why were they lucky with the weather?
2. Why did she decide to write about her autumn favourites?
3. What does she like about autumn trees?
4. What does she compare autumn landscapes with?
5. Does she like autumn weather? Why?
6. What does she like doing outside? Anything childish?
7. Why does she try to enjoy every moment outside?
8. What does she like about the food of the season?
9. Why does she enjoy autumn celebrations?
10. What has she already started doing? Why?

## Activity 6

Answer the questions. Try to extend your answer.

1. What is your favourite season? What do you like about it?
2. Do you like autumn food? What is your favourite dish?
3. What is your favourite autumn holiday? Why?
4. What do you like doing during different seasons?
5. Talk about a good memory you had in autumn.
6. Where's the best place to watch the leaves change color where you live?
7. What is the weather like in your hometown in autumn?
8. What is your city like in autumn? Do you like taking pictures of the fall?

## Activity 7

What is the most popular autumn fruit?

Look at these idioms and guess what they mean. Try to explain them and use in a situation.

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*The apple doesn't fall far from the tree.*

*One rotten apple spoils the bunch.*

*That's like comparing apples and oranges.*

*You are the apple of my eye.*

*He is rotten to the core.*

*An apple a day keeps the doctor away.*