### A Tree-mendous Mix Up

**Statements:** Conifer trees are green all year round. It will soon be winter. You may need to wear gloves when handling leaves.

Commands: Scoop the leaves up into a pile. Go to the shed and fetch the rake.

Questions: Which tree is this leaf from? Have you seen the leaves falling from the trees?

**Exclamations:** How beautiful the colourful leaves are! What tall trees there are in this garden!

#### **Knot a Grate Harvest**

Dear diary,

The **nights** are long and the **days** are now short. It is difficult **to** harvest the **great** crops we have **grown** in the **mist** and **rain**. The **weather** has **not** been kind **to** us – we have **not seen** the **sun** in **weeks**. Oh, what I'd give to **see** a **blue** sky and **hear** the birds sing as I mow the fields. **Maybe** tomorrow will bring a better day...

Farmer Eric.

### The Fires of Autumn by A.A. Milne

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

  Accept: new, beautiful, delightful, brilliant.
- 2. Why do you think the author describes the first autumn days as 'so cheerful and so very much alive'?
  - Accept any reasonable answer which discusses the bright colours and vibrancy of autumn leaves, e.g.
  - The first autumn days are cheerful and alive because the leaves are full of bright, happy colours, like oranges and yellows.
- 3. Why do you think that the author lit his first fire a month earlier than normal?

  Accept any reasonable answer which discusses that he was so excited to try out his new fireplace.





- 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.
  - Accept either yes or no as an answer providing that a relevant explanation is given as to why, e.g.
  - Yes because most houses still have fireplaces in their living rooms.
  - No because we now have radiators and heating to keep us warm, which they didn't have then.

### **Criss-Cross Conundrum**

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

The hidden word is monitor. A monitor is a device used for observing, checking, or keeping a record of something. A monitor could also refer to a person who carries out a responsibility like a playground monitor. To monitor something means to keep a check of something.

Write the secret hidden word in a sentence.

The nurses constantly **monitor** the patients.

I watched the CCTV footage on the monitor.





# Think and Write: An Autumn Treat Example Sentences

Sentence 1: Include an expanded noun phrase.

The spiky, prickly hedgehog ate the tasty, dry nuts.

Sentence 2: Include the subordinating conjunction because.

Heidi was terribly hungry because he had not eaten for days.

Sentence 3: Include a possessive apostrophe.

The hedgehog's long spikes were very sharp.

Sentence 4: Write an exclamation sentence.

What a delicious snack!

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

Every morning, the Heidi wandered into the garden for a snack.

### **Autumn by Arthur Ransome**

- Find and copy one word from the story which means the same as 'dress'.
   Accept: frock
- 2. Why does Autumn feel shy at the beginning of the story?

  Accept answers which discuss that Autumn feels embarrassed about the quality of her clothing, e.g.
  - Autumn is shy because her clothes are not as nice as those belonging to the other girls.
- 3. What do you think the fairy Godmother will do with Autumn?

  Accept any reasonable prediction based on the events of the story, particularly those pertaining to a transformation of Autumn's clothing, e.g.
  - I think that the fairy Godmother will give Autumn nice clothes like the other girls.
- 4. Write about another story you know which has a fairy Godmother in it.

  Accept any other story, from either literature or film, which can be verified to contain a fairy Godmother character, such as Cinderella or Shrek.





### Autumn English Activity Answers

### A Hi-bear-nation Hullabaloo

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gxthvc	<b></b>	island
xkasght	<b></b>	special
ahote	<b></b>	early
savwjoe	<b></b>	century
fgsesta	<b></b>	bicycle
gvsoahxa	<b></b>	increase

### What a Rotten Bunch!

Examples of adjectives which could be written:

Good: great, excellent, exceptional, marvellous, superb, wonderful, awesome.

Big: huge, colossal, gigantic, massive, sizeable, vast, large, mammoth.

Bad: awful, atrocious, dreadful, lousy, rubbish, amiss.

Small: miniature, tiny, little, petite, miniscule, undersized, puny.





## Take It Or Leaf It!

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