

Autumn

The months of autumn are September, October and November.

In autumn we have less sunshine, the days are getting shorter and the weather can be very windy and wet.

Many trees, like horse-chestnut, the beech, the sycamore and the oak lose their leaves. The leaves turn yellow, red, brown, orange and gold.



horse-chestnut leaf



beech leaf



sycamore leaf



oak leaf

The lanes and woods are covered with a carpet of brown and gold. The hedgehog will use the dry leaves and moss to make its nest where it will sleep during the winter. This is called hibernation.



hedgehog



moss



The squirrels are busy gathering nuts and acorns to store for the winter. Sometimes they forget where they have hidden their food and the nuts, and acorns may grow into new trees. In Britain we can find grey squirrels and red squirrels. The grey squirrel originates from North America and was introduced into Britain during the 19th century. It is now found throughout most of the country and has largely replaced the native red squirrel which is a protected species.



red squirrel



grey squirrel



acorn



nuts

Lots of children also gather acorns and conkers during their autumnal walks. They will turn them into little statues or use them for conker fights.



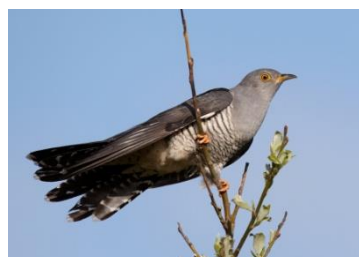
conkers



The swallows, the swifts and the cuckoos leave Britain for warmer countries. They will return in the spring.



swallow



cuckoo



swifts

This is the season when the apples, pears and plums are ripe and ready for picking in the orchards. It is also harvest time for the gardens and the fields with crops and vegetables ready to be gathered. These will include cabbages, carrots, potatoes, leeks and pumpkins.

The farmer is also busy ploughing the fields and making them ready for next year's crops.



ploughing



Please answer the questions.

1. What are the months of autumn?
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2. Which colours are the autumnal leaves?
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3. What does a hedgehog do in autumn?
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4. What does a squirrel do in autumn?
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5. Name two birds that leave Britain in winter
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6. Name 3 types of fruit that you can pick in the orchard.
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7. Name 3 vegetables harvested in autumn.
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True or false

1. The months of autumn are September, October and December.
2. The weather in autumn can be wet and windy.
3. The red squirrel was introduced into Britain during 19th century.
4. The cuckoos and the swallows come to Britain for winter.
5. Children like to collect conkers and acorns.
6. Pears are ripe in autumn and ready to be picked.
7. Acorns grow on apple trees.



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ACORN
BEECH
WINDY
CROPS
CONKERS
SQUIRREL
NOVEMBER
SYCAMORE
BROWN
OCTOBER
PUMPKIN
HEDGEHOG
SEPTEMBER
OAK
MOSS

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