

What is Autumn?



Autumn is the season that comes after summer and before winter. In other words, it is the season between summer and winter. The autumn months are September, October and November. In autumn, the days get shorter and the nights get longer. In the UK, autumn starts on September 23rd. The weather changes and it gets colder. There is more rain, wind and fog. It doesn't usually snow in autumn; the snow comes in winter. The leaves on the trees change colour. They turn from green to yellow, gold and red. Many people think that the autumn colours are beautiful. Finally, the leaves fall from the trees and the trees are bare. In fact, in the US, autumn is called 'fall' because the leaves fall during this time. In autumn, farmers plough their fields and bring in the crops. In the northern hemisphere, many birds migrate south to warmer countries. Some animals, like dormice, get ready to hibernate. Some festivals/celebrations which happen during autumn are Halloween, harvest festivals and in the UK, we celebrate Guy Fawkes Night on November 5th.

Are the sentences TRUE or FALSE:

1. Autumn is the season between spring and winter
2. June, July and August are the autumn months
3. In autumn, there are more dark hours
4. The weather gets warmer
5. The leaves change colour and then fall to the ground
6. Farmers plant new seeds
7. In the UK, autumn is called fall
8. Some animals prepare for hibernation
9. There are no festivals or special celebrations during autumn



Answer the questions in full sentences:

- a. Which season comes before autumn?
- b. Which season comes after autumn?
- c. What are the three autumn months?
- d. When does autumn start in the UK?
- e. What happens to the weather in autumn?
- f. Does it usually snow in autumn?
- g. What happens to the leaves before they fall?
- h. What do many people think about autumn colours?
- i. Why is autumn called 'Fall' in the US?
- j. Who harvests their crops?
- k. Where do some birds migrate to?
- l. What do dormice do?
- m. Which festivals take place during autumn?



Over to you: Do you like autumn? Why? What is your favourite season? Why?