

Part 1. Finish each sentence with the first thing that comes into your head.

<i>Autumn sounds like...</i>	<i>Autumn smells like...</i>
<i>Autumn tastes like...</i>	<i>Autumn feels like...</i>
<i>Autumn looks like...</i>	<i>Autumn makes me want to...</i>

Need ideas?

crunchy leaves · rain on the window · mist · soup · hot chocolate · cinnamon · a warm blanket · a cold nose · golden light · long evenings

Part 2. Give each thing a number from 1 (I can't stand it) to 5 (I love it). Then discuss your numbers. Find the two biggest differences and talk about why.

<i>How much do you like...?</i>	<i>Your number</i>
Rainy days	
Dark evenings	
Getting up when it's still dark	
Wearing lots of layers	
Walking in the park	
Hot drinks	
Soup and stew	
Staying in at the weekend	
Anything with pumpkin in it	

Part 3. Decide whether the statements below are true, false or not sure. Then discuss your answers and argue your case.

1. In the US, many people say “fall” instead of “autumn”.
2. When it’s autumn in the UK, it’s spring in Australia.
3. Leaves turn yellow, orange and red because the tree stops making the green colour.
4. You can catch a cold by going outside with wet hair.
5. Autumn is colder because the Earth is further from the Sun.
6. A pumpkin is a fruit.
7. In the UK, the clocks go forward one hour in autumn.

Part 4. Discuss the following questions.

- What’s autumn like where you live? Describe the weather and what you can see outside.
- What do you wear in autumn that you don’t wear in summer?
- What food or drink do you want more of in autumn?
- Is there a festival or special day in autumn in your country? What happens?
- What do people usually do at the weekend in autumn?
- Where in the world would you most like to see autumn? Why?

Part 5. It’s going to be a long, wet, dark weekend at home. Choose five things from the list to get you through it. Defend your choices or swap them for something else.

A thick blanket	A good book to curl up with
A big pot of soup	Woolly socks
Your favourite series	A candle
Hot chocolate	A board game
A long walk in the rain	A friend to talk to
Something baking in the oven	A playlist of calm music

Part 6. Think of three things that happened to you in autumn: two true and one made up. Take turns to tell your three things. The listener asks questions and guesses which one is the fib.

Think about:

- A time you got caught in the rain or got lost
- Something strange you ate or drank
- A place you went to for the first time
- Something you lost, found or saw that you still remember

Part 7. Rank the four seasons from 1 (your favourite) to 4 (your least favourite) and give one reason for each.

Spring	Summer
Autumn	Winter

Part 8. Do you do these things more, the same or less in autumn than in the rest of the year? Tick your answers. Then talk about which change surprised you most, and why you think it happens.

	More	The same	Less
Sleep			
Eat comfort food			
Go outside			
See friends			
Feel tired in the mornings			
Feel calm			
Cook at home			
Drink hot drinks			

Part 9. Plan the perfect autumn day. Agree what you'll do in the morning, the afternoon and the evening.

Morning	<i>Where are you? What are you wearing?</i>
Afternoon	<i>What are you doing? Who's with you?</i>
Evening	<i>What are you eating or drinking? What's the best part of the day?</i>

Part 10. Choose one topic and speak for 1 minute without stopping.

- My best autumn memory
- The best autumn food in the world
- A place that looks beautiful in autumn
- Why autumn is better than summer, or worse
- How I'd spend an autumn weekend with no plans

Reflection

Complete the sentences in your own words.

1. The best thing about autumn is...
2. The hardest thing about autumn is...
3. One thing I'd like to try is...