

Autumn

Remember how different parts of the earth experience different types of weather? In most of the United States, there are four seasons and each season has distinct characteristics, or clearly different ways to describe them.

Who can identify the proper sequence the four seasons of the year are experienced in the United States?

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So far, you have learned about three of the four seasons, winter, spring and summer. Let's look at our comparison charts and review the specific information you have already learned about winter and spring.



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After summer, the next season in the cycle is autumn or fall. In the United States, the season of autumn begins in the month of September and includes the months of October and November.

What is the date today? Is it summer yet?

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I'm going to need your help during the read aloud today. Whenever you hear the word autumn in the read aloud, move your hands like this to pretend leaves are falling.



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The main topic, or main idea of today's lesson is autumn. Listen carefully for different characteristics of the autumn season.



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What clue in the picture tells you it is autumn?



Autumn

Dear Kindergarteners,

Eventually the warm weather of summer ends and autumn begins. Kids are back in school in autumn. Autumn officially starts in the middle of September, and includes the months of October and November.



Don't forget
falling when I say autumn.

Autumn

By autumn, the air becomes cooler than it was during the scorching, or very hot, summer months. It might still feel warm on some early autumn days, but there's a slight chill, cold feeling in the air at night. And by the end of autumn, it can be really cold during the day and at night.

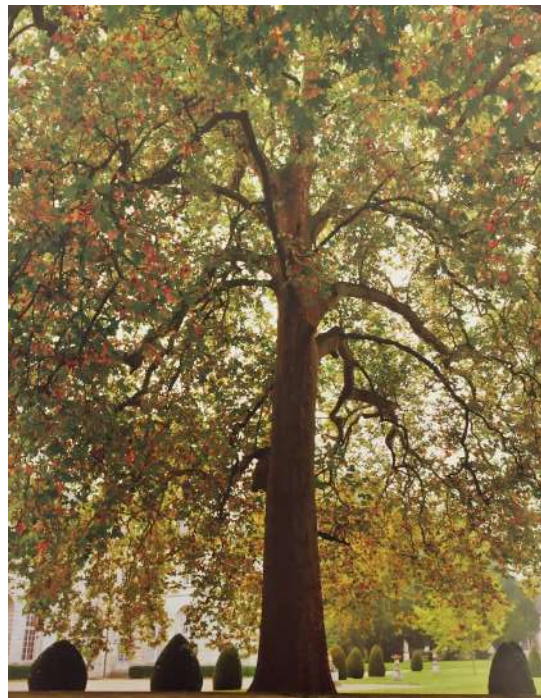


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As autumn progresses, or moves forward, the days get shorter and shorter. The sun rises just a little bit later and sets just a little bit earlier each day. By October in Washington, D.C., many of the trees' leaves don't look so green anymore. Who remembers what deciduous trees are? Who remembers what evergreen trees are?

Don't forget to pretend to make the motion of leaves falling when I say autumn.



Autumn

During autumn, most of the leaves on the trees turn from green to bright yellow, orange, red or brown. It's so beautiful! Last autumn, my family took a trip to the mountains near Washington, D.C., to enjoy the colors. The air was so cool and crisp, and we had a great time.



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Autumn

*Look at this picture from our trip:
the forests as far as the eye can
see are bright with fiery color!*



*Don't forget to pretend to make the motion of leaves
falling when I say autumn.*

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Within a few weeks after the leaves of many trees turn different colors, deciduous trees begin to shed, or lose, their leaves. That's why another name for autumn is fall, because autumn is when the leaves of deciduous trees fall to the ground.



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Remember that evergreen trees stay green all year round, while deciduous trees lose their leaves in the autumn. The word fall has multiple meanings. The word fall can mean the season of autumn or when something drops down.



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Do the leaves change color and fall off the trees where you live? If they do, you can do the same thing that the kids in my neighborhood do: we rake up all the leaves into one enormous pile and then jump in it, just for fun. The leaves make a soft, crunchy cushion.



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If you travel for a few hours outside Washington, D.C., you will start to see farms. Autumn means harvest time for farmers. Harvest time is when farmers gather their crops. It's hard work being a farmer. All summer, farmers have been caring for their plants while they grow-- watering them and making sure the weeds and bugs of summer don't ruin them.



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Autumn is the time to gather the fruits and vegetables in the fields.

When they've harvested their crops, the farmers all get together for a really fun event: the county fair. My family goes every year to the nearest county fair, and it is incredible.



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The farmers all bring their best vegetables and animals to show off how good they are at growing vegetables and raising farm animals.



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I took this picture of the pumpkins at last year's county fair. The fair's judges had already come by and judged them. Which pumpkins do you think the judges liked best? How do you know?



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I wouldn't get so excited about the fair if it were only about vegetables! There are lots of fun rides and all kinds of foods, from cotton candy to corn dogs. Some people also take their chances playing games to win stuffed animals. Once, I won a gigantic stuffed teddy bear.



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By early November, the air outside gets chilly in Washington, D.C. Sometimes the skies are clear and sunny, while other days are gray and cloudy. The wind blows more than it did during the summer. The autumn wind sends dry, crunchy leaves whirling and twirling through the streets and parks, and whispers that winter is coming soon.



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In late November--as the autumn season is gradually winding to a close--comes one of the most important holidays in the United States: Thanksgiving Day. On this day, people in the United States like to gather with their families and friends. In my family, my grandparents and cousins and uncles and aunts from all over travel to have Thanksgiving dinner together.



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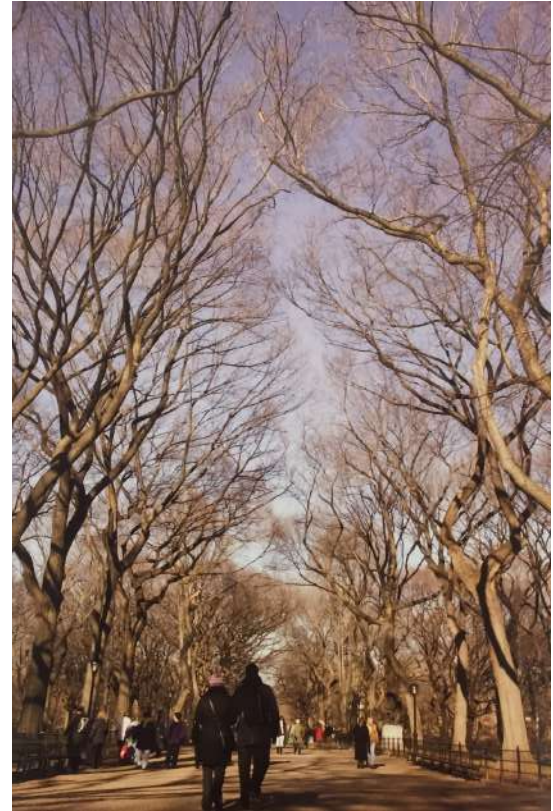
I always look forward to a grand feast of turkey, stuffing, potatoes, rolls and cranberry sauce--with pumpkin pie for dessert. Then, my cousins and I play football in the yard!



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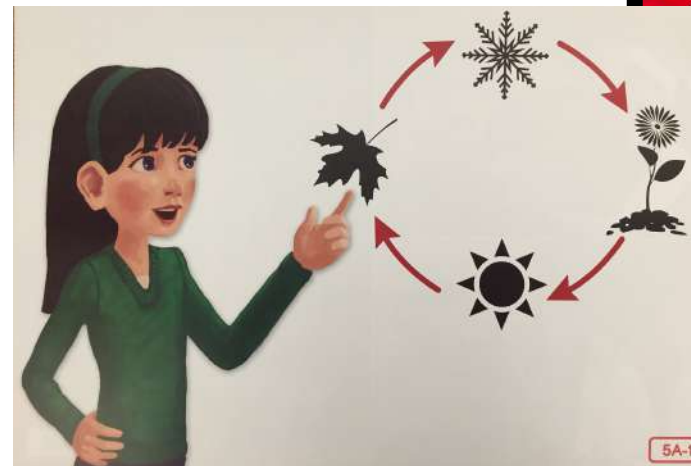
Thanksgiving is very close to the end of autumn in Washington, D.C. By that time, the trees are bare, the leaves are raked, and the air starts to feel very cold, especially at night. Once the trees look like this, you know that autumn is nearing an end, and that it will soon be winter. We are once again at the beginning of the cycle of the seasons!



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Now we've talked about every season and their different characteristics. What will I tell you about next? You'll just have to wait and see!

Your friend,
Annie



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Comprehension Questions:

Inferential

PLEASE answer in
COMPLETE sentences.

What is the main topic, or main idea, of today's lesson?

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Comprehension Questions:

Literal

PLEASE answer in
COMPLETE sentences.

Name the autumn months.

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Comprehension Questions:

Inferential

PLEASE answer in
COMPLETE sentences.

What changes do you notice as summer progresses to autumn?

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Comprehension Questions:

Literal

PLEASE answer in
COMPLETE sentences.

Name a holiday that takes place during the autumn season.

Word Work

Explicit Vocabulary Instruction

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In the read aloud you heard, “As autumn progresses, the days get shorter and shorter.”

Say the word **progresses** with me.

Whisper progresses to the ceiling.

Whisper progresses to your neighbor.

Let's clap it out.

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Progresses means moves forward or continues. As something progresses, it usually changes. Things can progress over time, like when a person who progresses in age slowly gets older.

As the school year progresses, I learn more and more.

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As winter progresses, it gets colder and colder.
Tell about something that progresses, or moves forward. Try to use the word progresses when you tell about it.

“Something that progresses quickly/slowly is...”

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*What's the word we have been talking
about?*

Let's clap it out.