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Autumn

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THE LISTENING TAPESCRIPT

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Autumn is such a cool time of the year. Of course it is cool because the temperatures drop after summer. But it is also cool because it's such a great time of the year. I love the changing of the leaves. The different autumn colours are one of nature's most beautiful scenes. Sometimes I can't stop looking at the mountains near my house. They are like an artist's palette of golds, reds, yellows, browns and other autumnal colours. In America they call autumn 'fall' because that is when the leaves fall from the trees. I like the coolness of autumn. Summer is over but you can still wear a T-shirt – just about. You can also spend hours outdoors without sweating. Autumn is the best time of the year to go hiking and go for long walks.



LISTENING GAP FILL

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UNJUMBLE THE WORDS

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 **DISCUSSION** (Write your own questions)

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

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 **DISCUSSION** (Write your own questions)

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

STUDENT AUTUMN SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about autumn in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper.

When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

HOMWORK

1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION: Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

2. INTERNET INFO: Search the Internet and find more information about autumn. Talk about what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. MAGAZINE ARTICLE: Write a magazine article about autumn. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

4. AUTUMN POSTER Make a poster about autumn. Show it to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your posters.

5. MY AUTUMN LESSON: Make your own English lesson on autumn. Make sure there is a good mix of things to do. Find some good online activities. Teach the class / another group when you have finished.

6. ONLINE SHARING: Use your blog, wiki, Facebook page, MySpace page, Twitter stream, Del-icio-us / StumbleUpon account, or any other social media tool to get opinions on autumn. Share your findings with the class.

