

The background of the entire page is a stylized illustration of an autumn forest. It features several trees with dark brown trunks and dense foliage in shades of orange, red, and yellow. The ground is covered with fallen leaves in similar colors. At the top, there is a solid orange horizontal band.

# Year 5 Autumn

## English Activity Booklet

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

# Diwali

## What is Diwali?

Diwali is a festival which is celebrated by Hindus in India and all around the world. The word Diwali means 'rows of lighted lamps'. It is often talked about as the festival of lights because of the traditional oil lamps that people use to light their houses, shops and public places.

## Gifts

A big tradition in the festival is the giving of gifts. This means that shopping is a big part of the festival also and there is time as part of the five days to do that too and that is also a tradition. A gift you would usually give to someone would be sweets and chocolates or clothes and accessories. It is a time to show your loved ones you care about them. If you wanted to indulge someone, Diwali is a good time to buy them something made of gold.



1. Who celebrates Diwali?

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2. Why is Diwali called the 'festival of lights'?

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3. Which gift would you most like to receive? Why?

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4. Circle the word closest in meaning to 'indulge'.

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deny

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5. Suggest another section that could be included in this text.  
What else would you like to know about Diwali?

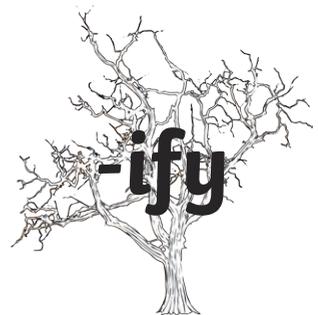
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# Falling Leaves Match-Up

Can you draw lines to match each noun to the correct suffix to make each autumn tree into a verb?





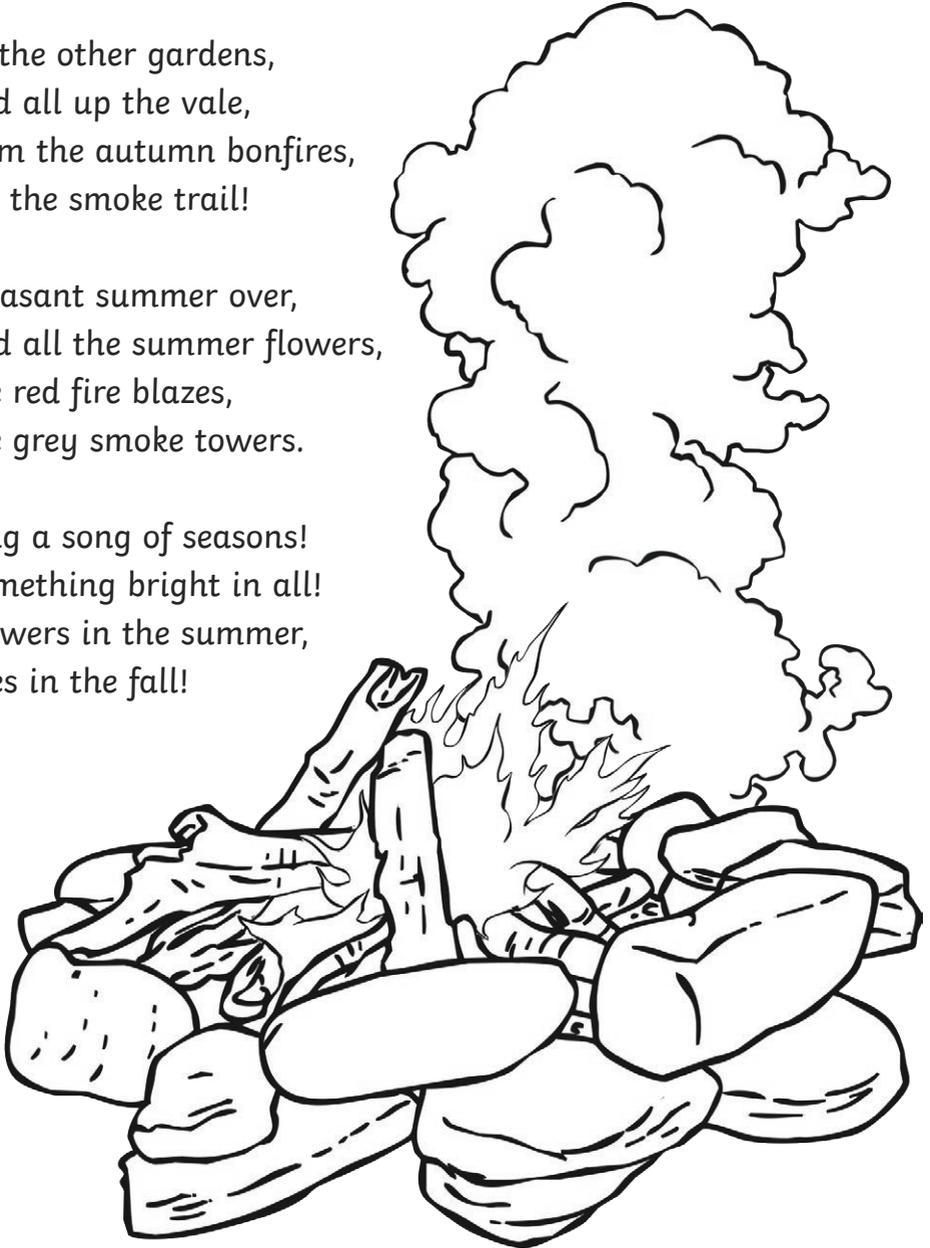
# Autumn Fires

By Robert Louis Stevenson

In the other gardens,  
and all up the vale,  
from the autumn bonfires,  
see the smoke trail!

Pleasant summer over,  
and all the summer flowers,  
the red fire blazes,  
the grey smoke towers.

Sing a song of seasons!  
Something bright in all!  
Flowers in the summer,  
fires in the fall!



# Autumn Fires

1. Highlight all the rhyming words. Can you describe the rhyming pattern in this poem?

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2. When the author says that there is, 'Something bright in all!', what is he describing?

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3. Where is the poem set?

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4. Do you think that the author enjoys autumn? Explain your reasoning.

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# Code Breakers

Your job this autumn is to become a secret agent. The words below are written in code. Break the code using the information in the table. Find the letter from the code word on the top row and swap it for the letter below it. What hidden words are being spelled?

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# Code Breakers

Can you choose some other tricky words to put in the code and challenge family or friends to decode them?

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# Harvest Around the World

Harvest describes the time when ripe crops are picked and gathered. The word 'harvest' comes from the Old English word, 'haerfest', meaning autumn or harvest time. 'To harvest', means the gathering and storing of crops.

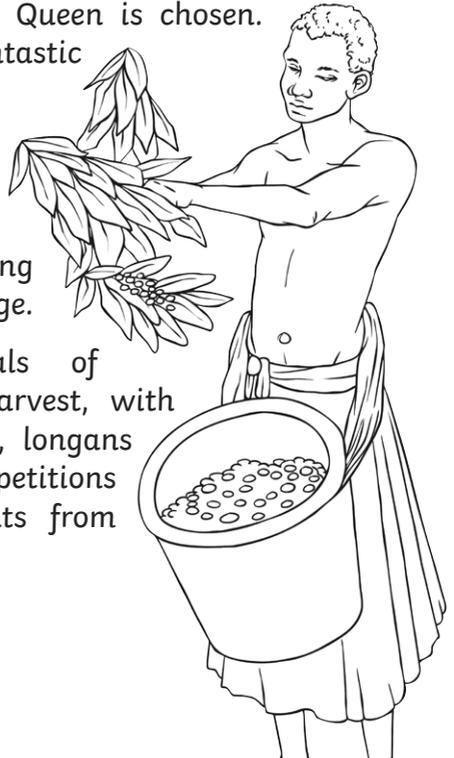
## What is Harvest Festival?

Harvest festivals are celebrations of the food that grows on the land. They happen at different times of year around the world when crops are harvested. Harvests are celebrated in different ways in different places.

**South America:** In Argentina, they harvest the grapes for wine. Crowds fill the streets to watch amazing parades and there are festivals with musicians, food and entertainers. Dancers take to the stage before a Harvest Queen is chosen. The queen then sets off the fantastic firework display.

**Africa:** In West Africa, there is a celebration called 'The Festival of Yams', this usually takes place in August. People celebrate by dancing and sharing the yams with the village.

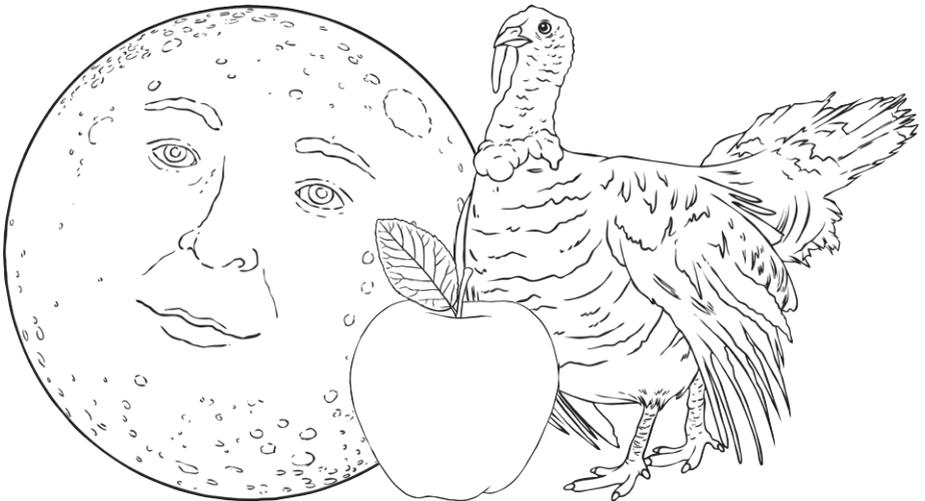
**Asia:** In Thailand, the locals of Chanthaburi celebrate the fruit harvest, with fruit including durians, rambutans, longans and mangosteens. They have competitions and art displays, and make floats from thousands of tropical fruits.



# Harvest Around the World

## Fun Facts

- A Harvest Moon is the name of the full moon closest to the autumnal equinox. (This is when day and night are of equal length.) In astronomical terms, this marks the start of autumn. This is usually in late September but sometimes occurs in early October.
- During Thanksgiving each year, the American President pardons a turkey and it is spared from being eaten for Thanksgiving dinner!
- Granny Smith apples originated in Australia when a woman called Maria Ann Smith accidentally grew an apple tree after a chance seeding started growing in her compost heap.



# Harvest Around the World

1. Where does the word 'harvest' originate from?

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2. What does 'to harvest' mean?

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3. When does autumn begin (in astronomical terms)?

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4. Which country would you most like to visit at harvest time? Why?

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# Harvest Around the World

5. Why do you think that harvest festivals happen at different times of year around the world?

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6. 'Granny Smith Apples originated in Australia...' Circle the word closest in meaning to 'originated'.

left

finished

started

grew

# Is It Possible?

Use your super sentence writing skills to create sentences containing a **modal verb**. Read the sentence, then add an appropriate **modal verb** from the list below so that it makes sense. The first one is done for you as an example.

**might, should, will, must, ought (to), would, shall, may**

1. It **could** rain tomorrow.
2. We \_\_\_\_\_ bring an umbrella.
3. For the school harvest festival, we \_\_\_\_\_ make food baskets.
4. This year the pumpkins \_\_\_\_\_ grow larger than footballs.
5. For Diwali, I \_\_\_\_\_ like to decorate my hands with Mendhi patterns.



## Is It Possible?

This time, use your super sentence writing skills to create sentences with an **adverb of possibility**. Look at each picture, choose an appropriate **adverb of possibility** from the list below and then write a sentence so that it makes sense.

**perhaps, surely, certainly, definitely, maybe, possibly, clearly, obviously, probably, undoubtedly, hardly, (quite) likely.**





# Autumn Leaves

Use this picture as inspiration and write some creative sentences.



Sentence 1: Use a dash or dashes to indicate parenthesis.

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Sentence 2: Include a relative clause.

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## Autumn Leaves

Sentence 3: Use a comma after a fronted adverbial.

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Sentence 4: Ensure cohesion in your paragraph with the inclusion of an adverb of time.

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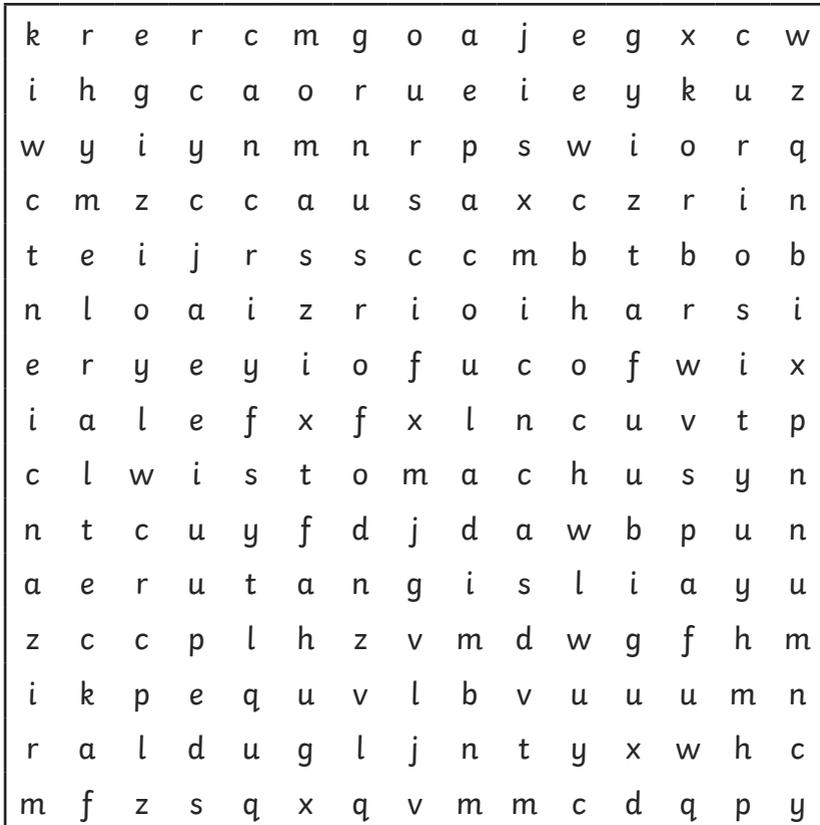
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Sentence 5: Please include a modal verb.

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# Autumn Word Search



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curiosity  
nuisance  
rhyme  
signature

conscious  
leisure  
occupy  
sacrifice  
stomach









# Festivals Held in Autumn around the World Fact Sheets

Autumn comes at different times in different places. If you live in the Northern Hemisphere, Autumn (or Fall) starts in September and finishes at the end of November. If you live in the Southern Hemisphere, Autumn starts in March and finishes at the end of May. No matter where you live, there are many festivals around the world that celebrate different things in Autumn.

Not every festival held in Autumn is specific to celebrating the season. Autumn is generally a very temperate season, perfect for communities coming together in a variety of ways.



# Autumn Festivals Held in North America Fact Sheet



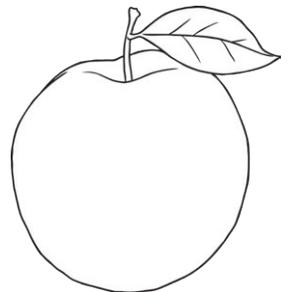
## Natchez Balloon Festival in Mississippi, USA:

The Natchez Balloon Festival is held in the town of Natchez in Mississippi. Mississippi is on the southern edge of the United States of America. The festival is held over a weekend in October and hosts the Great Mississippi River Balloon Race. Along with the race and balloon flights, there is also an arts and crafts festival, musical entertainment, food and rides.



## Apple Butter Festival in West Virginia, USA:

The Apple Butter Festival is a traditional harvest festival held in Berkley Springs, West Virginia over a weekend in October. West Virginia is a small state located centrally in the United States of America. It starts with a parade and then is followed by two days of arts, crafts, food, rides, games, contests and country music. In the middle of the festival, giant copper kettles are full of spicy apple butter.





# Autumn Festivals Held in North America Fact Sheet

## Mont Sutton Fall Festival in Quebec, Canada:

The Mont Sutton Fall Festival in Quebec runs for a whole month between September and October and is dedicated to the spectacular trees that change colour during Autumn. During this time, you can visit Mont Sutton and take place in lots of activities including chair lift rides, organised children's activities, guided hikes, gourmet food and live music. The Mont Sutton Fall Festival is held to celebrate the great outdoors and the changing of the season.



## Autumn Festivals Held in North America Questions

1. If you could choose any of the festivals in North America to visit, which would you choose and why?

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2. What, do you think, apple butter is? What might you use it for?



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3. What is something that all of these festivals have in common?

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4. Choose a festival and draw what you think it might be like in the box below.



# Autumn Festivals Held in South America Fact Sheet



## Mistura Food Festival, Lima, Peru:

The Mistura Food Festival is held in Lima, Peru over a week in September. It is a celebration of Peruvian food and agriculture. The main highlight of the festival is Mistura's Grand Market where over 300 farmers from across the country come to sell their produce. You can also visit many establishments across the town and enjoy local Peruvian delicacies.



## Día de la Canción Criolla, Peru:

This festival is celebrated on October 31 each year. It is a cultural festival, celebrating the Criollo culture and music. This festival is primarily a celebration of Criollo music, which is a mixture of Peruvian indigenous and European music and it also features African instruments and tunes.



## Day of the Dead, Continent wide, South America:

This continent-wide festival is held in early November each year. It is a time to celebrate and remember loved ones who have died. During the festival, family and loved ones gather to pray and support the spiritual journey of those who have died. Feasts are held and gravesites are visited and decorated with sugar skulls (calaveras) and Aztec marigolds. It is not seen as a sad celebration but rather a happy one.





# Autumn Festivals Held in South America Questions



1. Which festival sounds the most interesting to you and why?

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2. Look at some pictures of sugar skulls and design your own in the box below.

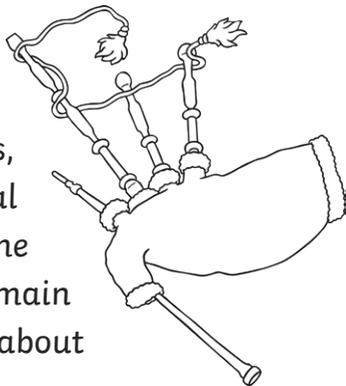
# Autumn Festivals Held in Europe Fact Sheet

## The Braemar Gathering, Highland Games, Scotland:

This festival is held on the first weekend in September at The Princess Royal and Duke of Fife Memorial Park in Braemar, Scotland. It has been running since 1832

and is even attended by the royal family!

At this festival you can enjoy the many piping bands, traditional games, races, dancing, food, competitions and general festivities. The Braemar Gathering came about for many reasons, but one of the main being to promote education to the public about the history and traditions of Scotland.



## The Paris Autumn Festival, Paris, France:

The Paris Autumn Festival has been running each September through to December since 1972. This is a festival dedicated to contemporary arts. Around 250,000 visitors attend the almost 50 events held over this time to celebrate theatre, music, dance, visual arts and cinema. It even has dedicated parts of the program to celebrate international excellence in contemporary arts.



# Autumn Festivals Held in Europe Fact Sheet

## Festival-Mediaval, Germany:

The Festival-Mediaval in Selb, Germany runs in early September and is one of the longest running historical and re-enactment festivals in the world. It includes medieval music, fire shows, performances from characters such as witches and beggars as well as food, traditional games and a huge market.





# Autumn Festivals Held in Europe Questions



1. Compare The Braemar Gathering and Festival-Mediaval. Whare are two things they have in common?

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2. What is something interesting about the Paris Autumn Festival?

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3. What does re-enactment mean?

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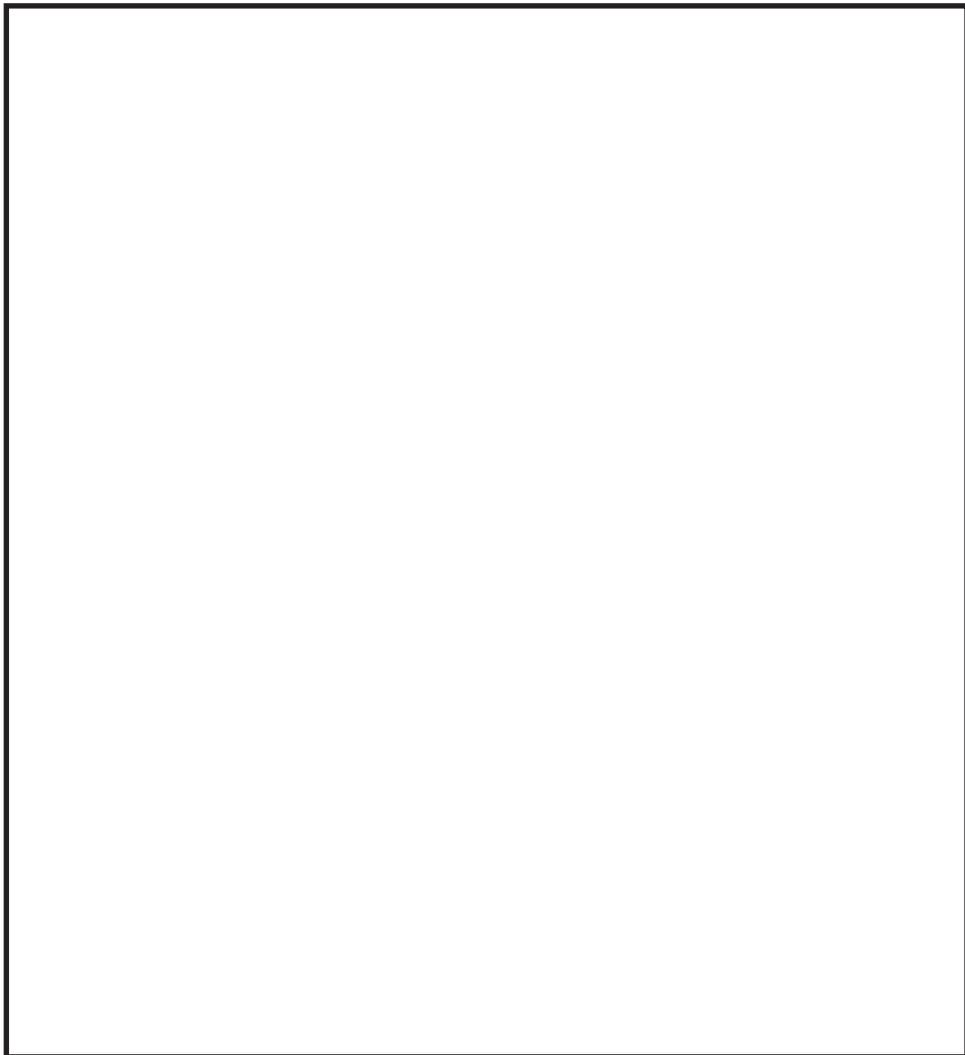
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# Autumn Festivals Held in Europe Questions



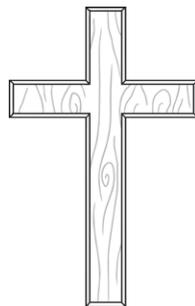
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# Autumn Festivals Held in Africa Fact Sheet

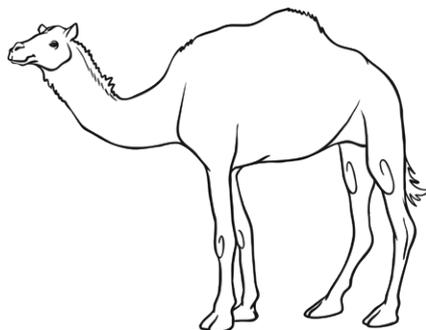
## Meskel, Ethiopia, Africa:

This Christian festival is held in September and commemorates the discovery of Jesus' true cross. The celebration is marked with a colourful procession of priests, deacons and choir singers as they walk around a huge pyre and carry decorations like crosses and torches decorated with olive branches. The festival also includes the lighting of a huge pyre in Addis Ababa's Meskel Square.



## Cure Salee and Wodaabe Gerewol, Niger, Africa:

The Cure Salee festival, celebrated by the nomadic Wodaabe tribe, is held in September and celebrates the end of the rainy season. The festival runs for one week. The most famous part of this festival is the Gerewol where the tribe's young men dress up in traditional costume and makeup and perform traditional dances. Other aspects of this festival include feasting, camel races and livestock parades.





# Autumn Festivals Held in Africa Fact Sheet



## Mombasa Carnival, Mombasa, Kenya, Africa:

The Mombasa Carnival occurs in November and is a celebration of Kenyan culture. It is one of the biggest festivals in Kenya and features a huge parade with floats representing the different tribal cultures in Kenya. Singers, dancers, artists and tribal people flock to Mombasa during this festival to take part in the concerts and celebrations.





# Autumn Festivals Held in Africa Questions



1. Which African festival would you like to visit and why?

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2. Why, do you think, the Cure Salee Festival celebrates the end of the rainy season?

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3. Have you ever been to a parade before? What kinds of floats did you see?

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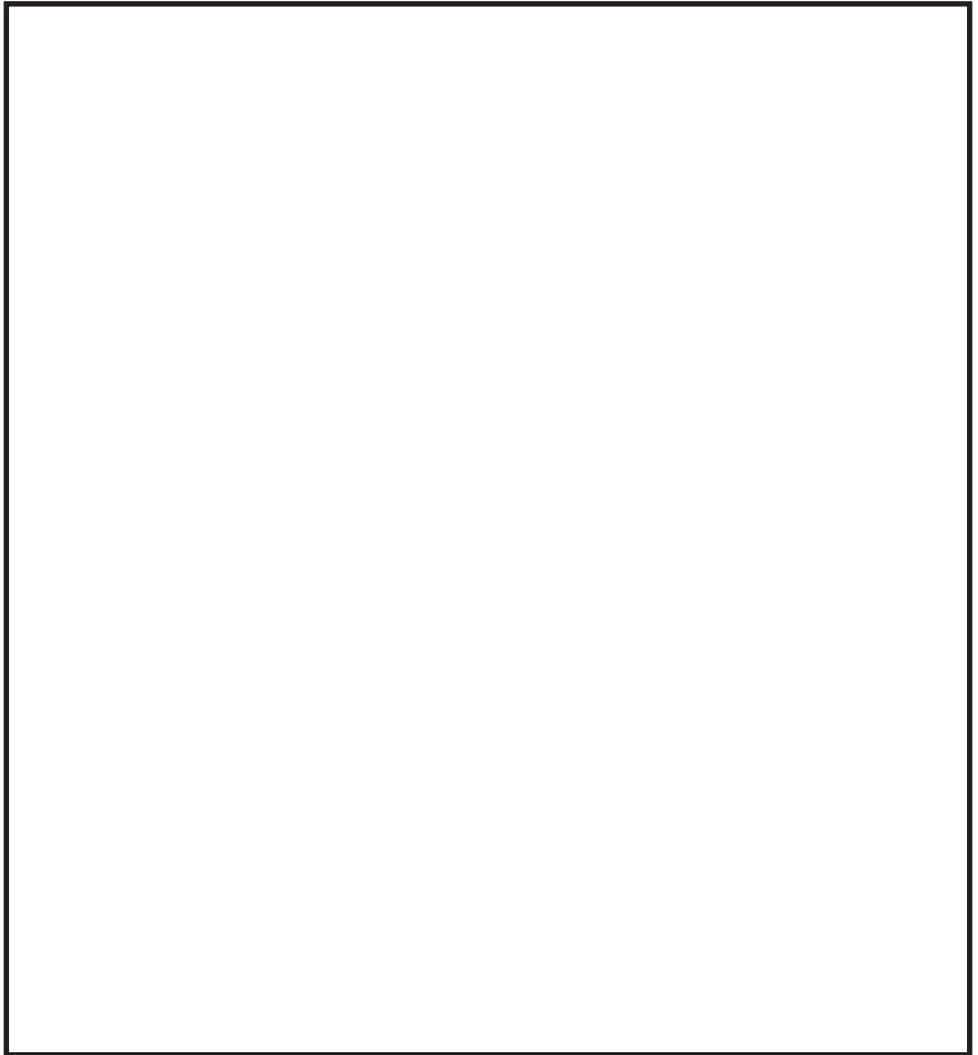
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# Autumn Festivals Held in Africa Questions



4. Choose a festival and draw what you think it might look like in the box below.

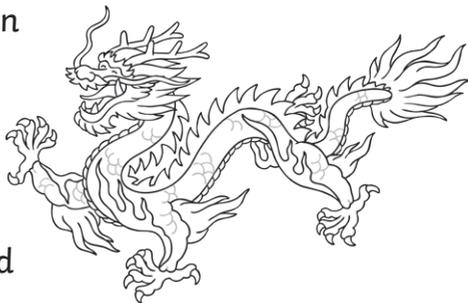




# Autumn Festivals Held in Asia Fact Sheet

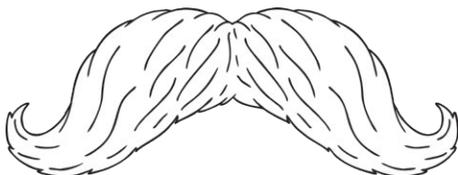
## Mid-Autumn Festival, East Asian Countries:

The Mid-Autumn Festival dates back over 3000 years to the Zhou Dynasty in China, where Ancient Chinese Emperors worshiped the harvest moon. Different eastern Asian countries celebrate in different ways. In China, people traditionally eat mooncakes, watch colourful dragon dances, make and light lanterns, give gifts, send celebration messages and spend time with their families.



## Pushkar Camel Fair, Pushkar, Rajasthan:

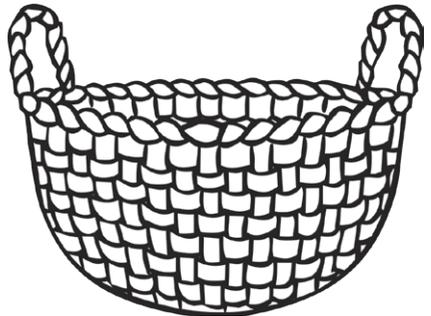
The Pushkar Camel Fair is a cultural festival held in October in Pushkar, Rajasthan. The festival attracts around 50,000 camels, goats and other livestock bought for trading and to participate in races. The festival also features dancing, music, food and a cricket match. There is also a competition for the longest moustache! Along with the festivities, you can also visit the market where there are hundreds of stalls selling authentic jewellery and wares from the different regions.



# Autumn Festivals Held in Asia Fact Sheet

## Loy Krathong, Thailand:

Loy Krathong is a magical festival in Thailand that occurs annually in November at the end of the rainy season when the full moon lights up the sky. Loy Krathong celebrates the art of making Krathong, decorated baskets that are floated on the river. Along with making Krathong, you can also expect to see traditional dancing, food, performances, fireworks and workshops. Houses are decorated with strings of colourful lights to depict the thousands of flickering Krathong in the water.





# Autumn Festivals Held in Asia Questions



1. What is something interesting you would like to see at each festival?

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2. What do you think a mooncake tastes like? Have you ever tried one before?

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3. Which festival do you think you would most enjoy and why?

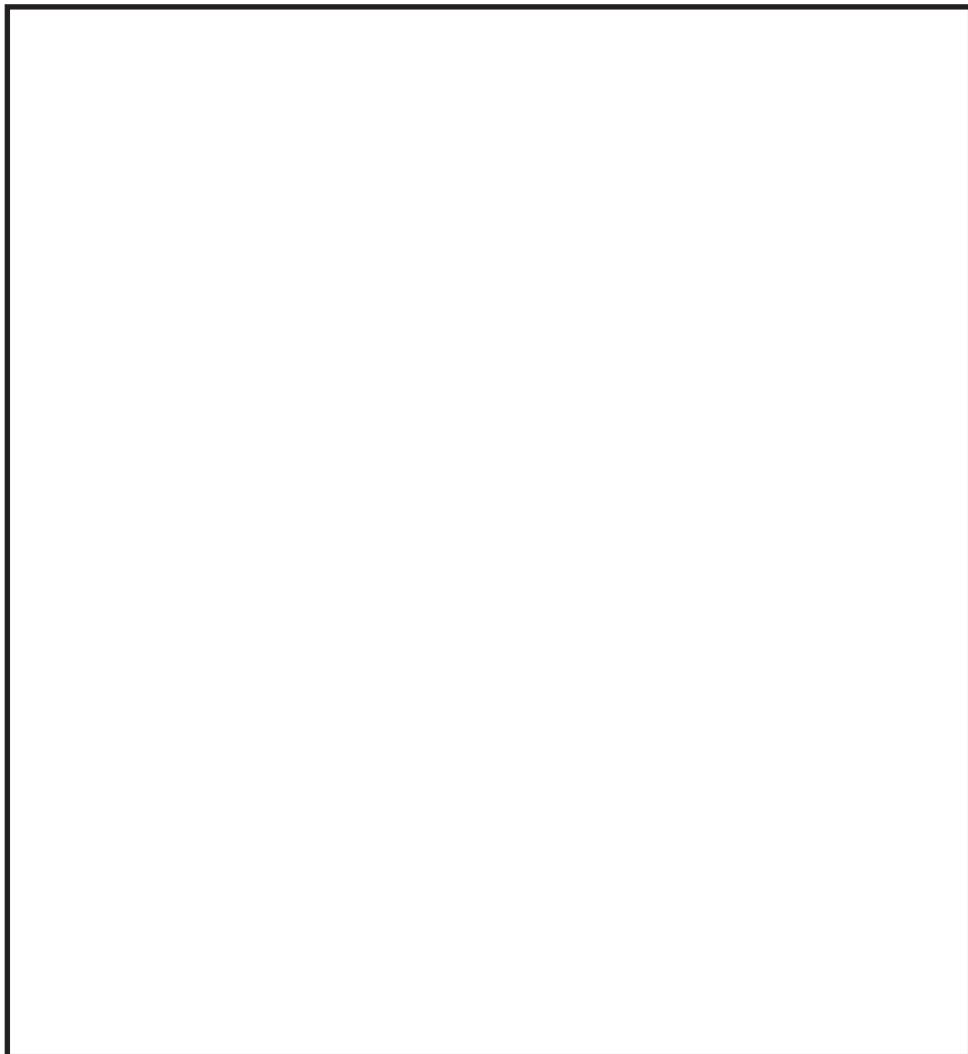
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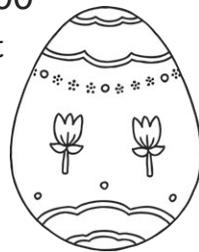
4. For Loy Krathong, people decorate baskets and float them on the river. Design your own Krathong in the box below.



# Autumn Festivals Held in Australia Fact Sheet

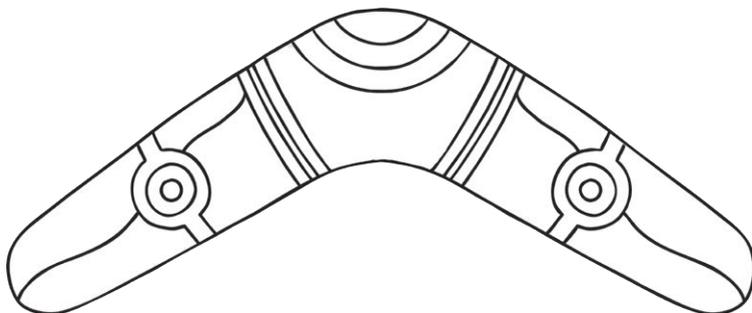
## Sydney Royal Easter Show, Sydney, Australia:

Running since 1823, the Royal Easter Show is a celebration of Australian culture in Sydney. It attracts over 800,000 visitors each year with a variety of different activities. There are lots of different competitions, performances, market-like stalls, food and drinks along with rides and festivities aimed at children and families. The Royal Easter Show occurs for a few weeks over the end of March and the beginning of April each year.



## Parrtjima – A Festival in Light, Alice Springs, Australia:

Parrtjima Festival is held in Alice Springs in September and is a celebration of traditional Aboriginal culture fused with modern technology. During this festival you can enjoy music, talks, performances and entertainment like the Ranges Show. The biggest part of this spectacular festival is the amazing light and art installations across the beautiful Alice Springs landscape.





# Autumn Festivals Held in Australia Fact Sheet



## The National Folk Festival, Canberra, Australia:

The National Folk Festival is an annual event taking place in Australia's capital city, Canberra. It is a celebration of all things folk related with music, activities, entertainment, and food along with dance, concerts and circus performances. The National Folk Festival features Australian Aboriginal music along with blues, bluegrass, Celtic and indie music.





# Autumn Festivals Held in Australia Questions



1. Have you ever been to a show before? What did you see and do there?

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2. Compare the Royal Easter Show and the National Folk Festival. What are some similarities between the two celebrations?

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3. What, do you think, would be interesting about visiting the Parrtjima Festival in Alice Springs?

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# Autumn Festivals Held in Australia Questions



4. Choose a festival and draw what you think it would look like if you were there in the box below.



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