

Autumn Poetry Activity Sheets

Task 1

Read the poem.



Awesome Autumn



Back to school, chilly breeze,
Leaves change colour on the trees.
Yellow, orange, brown and red,
Hedgehogs find a comfy bed.

Halloween, darker nights,
Pumpkins, costumes and big frights!
Leaves fall, flutter and fly,
Starlings gather in the sky.

Squirrels collect nuts to store,
Spinning seeds of sycamore.
Conkers crash together,
Morning mists, stormy weather.

Task 2

1. What does the poet say that starlings do in autumn?

2. Sycamore seeds are also known as 'helicopters'. Why do you think this might be?

3. Why might hedgehogs need to find a 'comfy bed' in autumn?

Task 3

1. Can you find the rhyming pairs in the poem?

breeze - _____

together - _____

nights - _____

fly - _____



2. In some of the lines, the poet has used a few words that all begin with the same letter or sound. This is called **alliteration**.

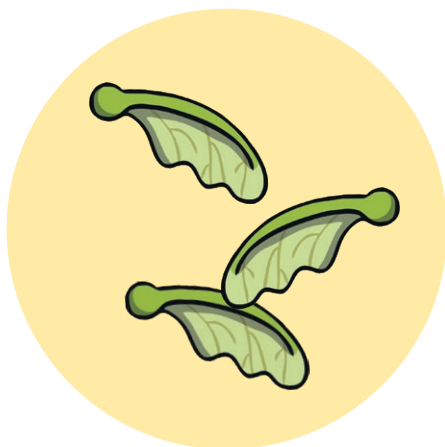
Examples are:

Leaves **f**all, **f**lutter and **f**ly

Morning **m**ists

Can you find two other examples of alliteration in the last verse?

Hint: Use the pictures as clues.



Task 4

Think about all the signs of autumn and the things that happen in this season. Write some words and ideas in the leaf.



Use your own ideas to complete the lines of the poem. Remember, poems do not have to rhyme!

In the box, draw pictures to illustrate your poem.

Awesome Autumn

Back to school, _____

Halloween _____

A large, empty rectangular box with rounded corners and a thin orange border, intended for drawing a picture to illustrate the poem.

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Answers

Task 2

1. What does the poet say that starlings do in autumn?

The poet says that starlings gather in the sky in autumn.

2. Sycamore seeds are also known as 'helicopters'. Why do you think this might be?

Answers such as: I think sycamore seeds are also known as helicopters because as they fall they spin like the blades of a helicopter.

3. Why might hedgehogs need to find a 'comfy bed' in autumn?

Answers such as: Hedgehogs might need to find a comfy bed in autumn because they are getting ready to hibernate.

Task 3

1. Can you find the rhyming pairs in the poem?

breeze - **trees**

together - **weather**

nights - **frights**

fly - **sky**

2. Can you find two other examples of alliteration in the last verse?

Spinning seeds of sycamore

Conkers crash

Task 4

Pupils' own leaf plans and poems