



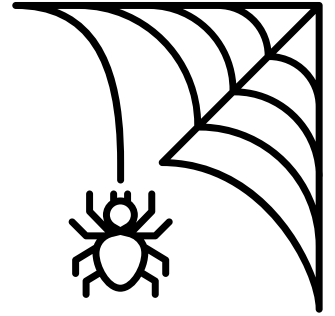
Autumn activity pack

Filled with seasonal quizzes, poems, word searches, colouring pages, and stories.

Autumn general knowledge quiz

1. What is stone is the hardest?
2. What is another name for a crane fly?
3. What date is Halloween?
4. Who failed to blow up parliament?
5. What is the collective noun for a group of cats?
6. Name the cartoon dog that likes snacks and fears ghosts and monsters.
7. What animal hunts at night and is a flying mammal?
8. What was the cure to many illnesses in olden days?
9. What is the first day of Autumn?
10. What is the name for making fireworks?
11. What cake is associated with Bonfire night?
12. When is St. Andrew's Day?
13. What is the name for the full moon during the autumn season?
14. During daylight savings time in the autumn months, do the clocks go forwards or backwards?
15. What drink is sometimes referred to as scrumpy?
16. What is a baby hedgehog called?
17. What is the name for having a fear of spiders?
18. Other than pumpkins, what was traditionally carved to create Jack-o-lanterns?
19. Are pumpkins a fruit or a vegetable?
20. What farming activity usually takes place in Autumn?

The Cobweb by George Hill



I saw a work of art today,
A spider's web no less.
I paused awhile and gazed in awe
At nature's cleverness.

Frost adorned each silken thread,
As it shimmered in the air,
An invitation to the unwary
To visit the spider's lair.

How could a creature, oh so small,
Create this to please the eye.
Praise be that I'm a human
And not a curious fly.

Can you fill in the blanks?

1. The _____ turn red and gold in fall.
2. A warm _____ keeps you cozy outside.
3. Farmers gather crops during the _____.
4. A bright orange _____ sits on the porch.
5. The _____ helps protect the cornfields.
6. Squirrels gather each _____ for winter.



Word scramble challenge

Can you unscramble these letters to reveal these autumnal words?

EGNOAR	
NPUIPMK	
OMON	
NVRMOHA STOE	
KFRWOEIR	
VEALSE	
PISRC	
OENLHAWLE	
SSKAPERLR	
WYLLOE	

Jack the cat Book Two, Chapter Two

Now, as I have said, Jack is an independent cat, and he looks after himself but one day this got him into trouble!

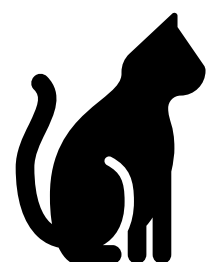
He awoke as usual in the warm, cosy kitchen. He stretched his black back and then his paws. He went to drink, from his saucer of milk, but oh dear, where was his milk? Had his friend forgotten to feed him this morning? “Well,” he thought, “I’ll just have to look after myself.”

Jack crept through the cat flap and roamed the garden, looking for milk. “No milk here,” he thought, so he walked quickly round to the front of the house. There on the doorstep was something that pleased Jack very much. A kind person had left a bottle of milk just for him.

Can you imagine what Jack did? He scratched off the silver lid with his claws and dipped his little pink tongue right into the creamy layer on the top of the milk. “How delicious,” thought Jack, “I could drink a lot of this.”

At that moment, the door opened and Jack’s friend bent down to pick up his milk bottle. “Oh Jack, you are naughty. Why couldn’t you wait for me to pour some into your dish?” Jack felt rather sad and said to himself that he wouldn’t do that again.

He didn’t like to upset his kind friend, so he rubbed his back against his friend’s legs as if to say, “Sorry.” “How can I show that I am sorry?” thought Jack, and then he had an idea. He scampered down to the Dingle and caught a mouse from under the hedge where he used to live. Jack carried it gently in his mouth all the way to his new home. He took it through the cat flap and dropped it on the kitchen floor by his friend’s feet! “Thank you,” said his friend, “that is very kind of you, but I think I’ll let the mouse go now, back into the garden where it will be happier. I prefer to have just one pet in the house, not two!”



Jack the cat Book Two, Chapter Three

Jack's friend has an old bicycle that he keeps in the shed. It is rather special as it has a large basket on the front and inside the basket is a cushion. Who sits there, do you think? Yes, Jack curls himself up in a cosy ball and loves to sleep in the bicycle basket bed.

One day whilst Jack was asleep, his friend decided to cycle to the Abbey. Suddenly Jack awoke to find himself flying along in the basket and there were cars and buses all around him! He was scared but he decided to just sit still and try to enjoy the ride.

Along the road, down the hill, along the road, down the hill went the bicycle with Jack in the basket. "How exciting!" he mewed.

"Are you alright Jack?" asked his friend, "It's not far now."

The road went over the river bridge. "This is the English bridge," said his friend.

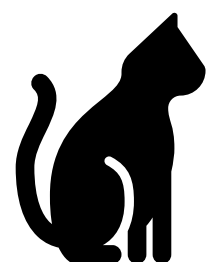
"I wonder if that is the same water that I have seen near the Quarry?" thought Jack.

Past traffic lights and along a little road they went until Jack's friend stopped and propped the bicycle up against a hedge. "I think I'll take you with me," said Jack's friend, "in case you get into trouble out here in the car park."

The building was called the Abbey, and it was enormous. Everything about it was enormous, the doors, the windows, the hallways were all so big Jack felt very small and timid in his friend's arms. He looked around at the beautiful, coloured windows. "How pretty," he thought.

All of a sudden there was a noise, not loud at first but getting louder and louder. It scared Jack so much that he leapt out of his friend's arms and fled under a seat! Jack sat there, trembling, and his black fur stood on end with fright! His whiskers were twitching!

"Don't be afraid," said his friend, "It is only the organ playing music for us to hear. Come out from under that pew and we'll go home for tea, you've had enough excitement for one day!"



Jack the cat Book Two, Chapter Four

The next day Jack decided to have a quiet day. His friend had mentioned another bridge called Kingsland so Jack thought he would find it on his own. He trotted proudly along the path thinking how shiny his black coat looked and how happy he was in Shrewsbury.

Today he had turned right out of the front door, not left past the sad soldier who stood with his head bowed.

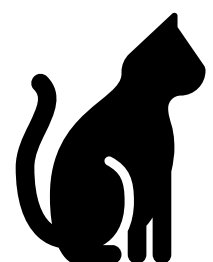
Jack came to the bridge. He saw to his surprise that people leant out of their cars and put something in a box before a bar of wood went up to let them through. "I haven't got anything to put in the box," thought Jack so he kept on the path. When he was halfway over the bridge he stopped to look down at the river. Boats were going up and down with people in them. "That's not for me," thought Jack. As you know, most cats don't like water. "I'll go down the steps and keep to the river path."

Jack was proudly walking past the boat club, his black tail held high, enjoying the quiet of the river when suddenly he heard a growl behind him and there stood a big black dog! "Oh no!" thought Jack, "he looks very angry, I'd better run."

Jack ran and ran past walkers on the path, past cattle on the path and even past a car that was parked on the path. "Where am I?" wondered Jack, "I'm a long way from the bridge." He hid behind a bush and looked for the big black dog but there was no sign of him, only a few ducks and swans swimming past on the river below.

Suddenly Jack noticed another bridge, one he thought he'd seen before. "I know," he said to himself, "I'll go across this bridge and then I'll be able to see my old home in the Quarry again and I'll know where I am."

Jack began to patter across the bridge on his little black paws. Some children were also running across the bridge to the swings. "Oh dear, it's very wobbly," he thought. "Don't worry Jack, we're almost home," said a voice and there was Jack's friend with his bicycle. Jack was glad to see him, he jumped up into the basket and they both went home to tea.



Autumn word search no.1

F O L I A G E R S Q U I R R E L
N O V E M B E R H I C K O R Y H
C I D E R A T O B O N F I R E M
P I N E C O N E M I G R A T I O
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S W E A T E R C I D E R R R E L
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M I G R A T I O N H I C K O R Y
S W E A T E R C O N E P I N E N
C I D E R N O V E M B E R R R E

Foliage x2
Hickory x4
Sweater x3
Pinecone x4
Migration x3

Cider x4
Bonfire x2
November x3
Squirrel x4
Gobbler x2

Autumn word search no.2

A U T U M N L Q S P I C E R O R
C R O H A Y R I D E T M A P L E
H E S C A R E C R O W N U T C H
E O U R C H A R D A M R G O U R
S U P M O P U M P K I N A T S N
T R H A R V E S T N A E C S I R
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S P I C E H Q A T U T O M O L O
E P O R C H A R D V I N M A T R
A M A P L E P E S R E U S U W W
G O U R D I N T E H O H X S L R
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T U T S E V R A H O C H E S T N

N.B. some words may be in the word search twice.

Autumn
Pumpkin
Maple
Hayride

Harvest
Spice
Crisp

Scarecrow
Chestnut
Orchard

Colouring sheet



Colouring sheet



Answers

Autumn general knowledge quiz

1. A diamond
2. Daddy long legs
3. 31st October
4. Guy Fawkes
5. Chowder
6. Scooby Doo
7. A bat
8. Bloodletting
9. 23rd September
10. Pyrotechnics
11. Parkin
12. 30th November
13. Harvest Moon
14. Backwards
15. Cider
16. Hoglet
17. Arachnophobia
18. Turnips
19. Fruit
20. Harvest

Can you fill in the blanks?

1. Leaves
2. Sweater / jumper
3. Harvest
4. Pumpkin
5. Scarecrow
6. Acorn

Word scramble challenge

- Orange
- Pumpkin
- Moon
- Harvest moon
- Firework
- Leaves
- Crisp
- Halloween
- Sparklers
- Yellow