

SIGNS OF AUTUMN
To everything there is a season,
and a time to every purpose under heaven.
- Ecclesiastes 3:1

Holidays:	Sights:
Which holidays do we have during the fall? Which do you have in your first country? What are some of the things we do on those holidays?	What sights are around that show it is autumn? (trees, birds, fruits and vegetables) Are there different sights in your country?
Weather:	Activities:
What did you wear as you were coming to class today? Was it very different from what you wore two months ago? Have you seen frost in the morning?	What kinds of sports are popular at this time of year? What kinds of things do you do now that you didn't do so much in the summer? What do you see other people doing?
Emotions:	Here and There:
How does autumn make you feel? happy sad nostalgic ¹ tired energetic old/young	How many seasons do you have in your country? If you have autumn, how is it different than here?
Talk with your group about how these things are signs of autumn in the northern part of the world: red, orange, & gold acorns, leaves, pumpkins frost, shorter days, harvest	

¹**Nostalgic:** painful feeling of wanting to go back to a place or time; homesickness

Weather

*“They were terrified and asked each other,
‘Who is this? Even the wind and the waves obey him!’” Mark 4:41*

(look at the picture dictionary)

Words We Use to Describe Weather:	Different Kinds of Weather:	Weather Report
<p>sunny cloudy windy cool cold warm hot humid² foggy stormy clear muggy³ partly a high of a low of wet dry</p> <p>How would you describe today’s weather?</p>	<p>hail sleet flurries showers fog wind thunder lightning UV rays</p> <p>Which kinds of weather have we had in the last week?</p> <p>What kind of weather would be typical in your first country in May, July, October, and January?</p>	<p>Here are some things that are usually included in a weather report: temperature - high and low precipitation - rain, snow, fog amount of sun humidex, or wind chill</p> <p>Look at the weather report in today’s newspaper. See if you can pretend to be a radio announcer and give a 20 second weather report.</p>
Dangerous Weather	Things We Say about Weather	The Weather and You
<p>Storms: hurricanes typhoons tornados blizzard</p> <p>Flood Drought</p> <p>What is the most dangerous weather that you have experienced?</p> <p>What kind of dangerous weather do we have here?</p>	<p>- It’s raining cats and dogs. - If you don’t like the weather, wait a minute. - Thunder means the angels are bowling. - The fog is as thick as pea soup.</p> <p>What sayings do people have about weather in your first country?</p>	<p>What is your favourite kind of weather?</p> <p>What kind of weather do you like the most?</p> <p>What do you think about the weather here?</p>

²**Humid:** (usually a word about air) hot with a lot of water vapour

³**Muggy:** informal word meaning “humid”