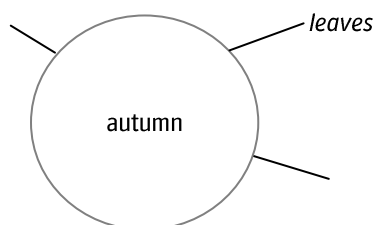




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1. Look at the photo and write down the names of everything you see on the mind map below. Also write down other words which you associate with autumn.



2. Fill in the gap on the left with the right word from the list on the right.

1. fall: North American word for _____
2. foliage: the _____ of a tree
3. harvest: _____ fruit
4. hiking: _____ in the mountains
5. inland: in or near the _____ of a country
6. leaf peeper: person following and taking photos of the changing _____ of leaves in autumn
7. native people: people who first _____ in a country
8. origin: the point from which something _____
9. scenic route: road with particularly beautiful _____

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Indian summer

3. **Autumn in North America is famous for the colourful beauty of its forests, and a lot has been written about this time of the year in novels and guidebooks.**

Read this text about Indian summer.

- 1 When after the first frosty nights temperatures rise to over 20
 2 degrees Celsius and the sky is blue, Indian summer has arrived.
 3 For two months, from mid-September to mid-November, the
 4 leaves or foliage of trees gradually change their colour from green
 5 to yellow to different kinds of red-brown. This change of colour is
 6 also called "fall foliage".
- 7 There are several stories about the origin of the phrase "Indian
 8 summer" that was already known in the 18th century and that is
 9 sometimes called the "fifth season". One says that native
 10 Americans, used this time of the year for hunting and harvesting
 11 fruit for the cold winter.
- 12 Every year, millions of visitors come to enjoy the play of colours,
 13 which starts in the north, in Canada and the northern states of
 14 New England – Maine, Vermont and New Hampshire – and slowly
 15 moves south along the east coast to the southern states of New
 16 England – Connecticut, Massachusetts and Rhode Island – and
 17 then on inland up to the Great Lakes. For the "leaf peepers", as
 18 these tourists who follow this colourful phenomenon of nature are
 19 often called, autumn is their favourite time for hiking in the
 20 mountains and national parks and travelling along the scenic
 21 routes of that region.

4. **Decide whether the following statements are true or false and correct the false ones.**

	True	False
1. The leaves change colour between mid-September and mid-November.		
2. The leaves of the trees are all green.		
3. This time is called Indian summer because it is summer in India then.		
4. A leaf peeper is somebody who follows the changing colours in Indian summer.		
5. Indian summer starts near the Great Lakes and then moves to the coast.		

5. **Your class has won the first prize in a competition: travelling along the American east coast in Indian summer. Talk about your plans, which places you would like to visit, how you would like to travel (by car, by train, by coach), etc.**
For more information go to the website <http://www.fs.fed.us/fallcolors>

Write a letter or postcard from your Indian summer trip.

Indian summer

Solution:

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1. autumn | 2. leaves | 3. pick | 4. walking | 5. middle | 6. colours | 7. lived | 8. starts | 9. views

4.

	True	False
1. The leaves change colour between mid-September and mid-November.	X	
2. The leaves of the trees are all green.		X
3. This time is called Indian summer because it is summer in India then.		X
4. A leaf peeper is somebody who follows the changing colours in Indian summer.	X	
5. Indian summer starts near the Great Lakes and then moves to the coast.		X