

# Autumn English Activity

## Answers

### A Pile of Prefixes

**super-:** market, star, hero

**anti-:** social, septic, clockwise

**auto-:** biography, graph, pilot

Children's answers will vary but should include two words which correctly use the super-, anti- or auto- prefixes.

### Knot a Grate Start for Jamie

**Look who's been** at it again! **You'll** never guess **what** happened on my first day back **to** school after the October **break**. Everything was **great** and I felt prepared **for** the start of a **new** term... **except** I didn't **know** that Jake had **meddled** with my alarm clock, causing it **to break**. In the **morning**, it didn't go **off** and I **missed** the bus! I was late, I had **to** miss my **break time** and I'm **not allowed to be** late again. It's **so unfair!** **Wait** until I **see** Jake – **he'll not** get away with this!

Children's answers will vary but should include three homophones spelt correctly.

### Little Lucie's Discovery

1. What kind of creature do you think lived in the tiny house? Explain your answer.

**Accept answers which infer that the creature was a hedgehog and includes a reasonable explanation which mentions one of the following pieces of evidence from the text:**

- **Instead of hair, the creature had prickles.**
- **She had a little black nose.**
- **Her eyes twinkled and her nose sniffled.**

2. What was the creature doing when Lucie opened the door?

**Accept the answer 'ironing'.**

3. '...as fast as her stout legs would carry her.'

What do you think the word 'stout' means in this sentence?

**Accept any reasonable deduction about the meaning of stout, including strong, sturdy, plump or chunky, or any reasonable synonym.**

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4. Name two creatures that Lucie spoke to before she went up the hill

**Accept any two of the following:**

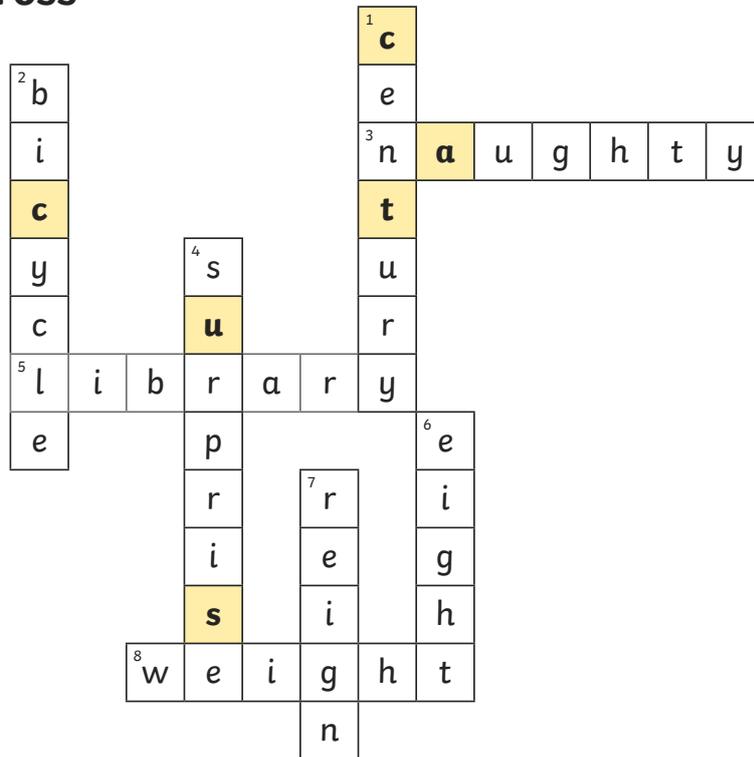
- **Kitten**
- **Hen**
- **Robin**

5. Why do you think the creature was frightened when Lucie knocked on the door?

**Accept any answer which infers that the creature was startled by the noise or not expecting company, such as:**

- **I think that the creature was frightened because she did not usually have visitors and so was not expecting anyone to knock.**

## Cryptic Criss-Cross



What does the secret hidden word mean? Ask an adult, use a dictionary or research in your own way.

**The hidden word is cactus. A cactus is a succulent plant with a thick fleshy stem, which typically bears spines, lacks leaves and has brilliantly coloured flowers.**

Write the secret hidden word in a sentence.

She spotted a **cactus** in the desert.

There are many species of **cactus**.

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### **Getting Creative With Conkers**

I **walked** to the local park, which **is/was** opposite my house. I **walked** through the tall, green park gates which a lady **held** open for me. She **sat** on her bike and **rode** it into the park.

I **looked** for conkers. I **hoped** to make some homemade soap out of them. I **saw** some conkers beneath the tree. I **picked** them up and **put** them into a canvas bag. I **headed** home.

I **put** my conkers into a jar with some water. I **left** the conkers overnight to soak.

### **Think and Write: Squirrel's Autumn Adventure**

Example Sentences

Sentence 1: Include an expanded noun phrase.

**The cheeky, orange squirrel ran down the straight, black path.**

Sentence 2: Include the subordinating conjunction when.

**The squirrel stopped when he heard a noise.**

Sentence 3: Write a sentence containing inverted commas.

**"Go away!" the squirrel shouted to the photographer.**

Sentence 4: Write a sentence containing a fronted adverbial.

**Absolutely terrified, the squirrel stopped in his tracks.**

Sentence 5: Write a sentence containing a possessive apostrophe.

**The squirrel's eyes widened when he saw the human nearby.**

### **Co-ordination Creation**

The weather in autumn isn't bad **but/yet** summer is much warmer.

I have seen neither squirrels **nor** hedgehogs in my local park.

Should we rake the leaves **or** should we leave them on the ground?

I have to get up early **but** I don't want to set my alarm.

I wore my brand new coat **and** I wore my thick, woolly scarf.

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Example answers:

**The leaves have not started to fall** nor have the leaves turned orange.

**It is not that cold in autumn** yet Mum insists I must wear my coat.

**You should be careful when touching conker shells** for they can be spiky and prickly.

**I really enjoyed the summer** but autumn is definitely my favourite season.

## **Lost Property Nightmare**

Lunchbox: Bex's

Bottle: Candiss's

Book: Tess's

Fidget spinners: The boys'

Coat: Freddy's

Pencil case: Eva's

## **Rabbit's Sticky Situation**

1. Find and copy two adverbs from the first paragraph.  
**Accept 'softly' and 'quietly', but 'low' and 'still' are valid responses. Do NOT accept 'nightly' as it is used as an adjective in this paragraph.**
2. How did Rabbit feel in the first paragraph? Use evidence from the text to support your answer.  
**Accept the answer that Rabbit felt scared, nervous or curious in the first paragraph, provided that at least one of the following pieces of evidence from the text is used in support:**
  - **Rabbit was much afraid**
  - **He trembled like an autumn leaf**
  - **He stood quietly behind a tree**
  - **For a long time he stood still, watching and listening**
3. Find and copy the phrase which shows that the Rabbit went into the garden very often.  
**Accept the phrases 'as he always did' or 'his nightly meal' only.**

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4. Why do you think that Rabbit's 'fear left him'?

**Accept answers which discuss that Rabbit's fear left him because as he neared the figure it still did not move and he realised that it was not a threat, e.g.**

- **Rabbit's fear left him because the figure still did not move even when Rabbit got close to it.**

5. What do you think will happen to Rabbit next?

**Accept any reasonable prediction based on the events of the story so far, such as:**

- **The farmer might come out and find Rabbit stuck to the dummy.**
- **Rabbit might start shouting for a friend to come and help him.**
- **Rabbit might be stuck on the dummy until morning.**