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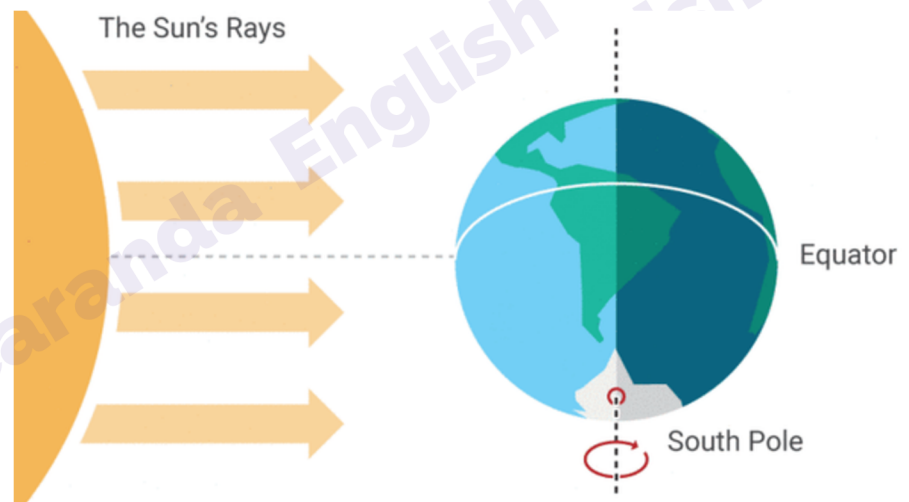
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## Autumn Equinox

Equinox? What's that, I hear you ask! Simply put, it's a time of the year when sunrise and sunset are at "nearly" exactly the same length, i.e. 12 hours apart in all parts of the world.

**Fascinating, isn't it!**

This phenomenon happens twice a year, a time when seasons are opposite on either side of the **Equator** and it happens around 20th March and 23rd September. So, have we just experienced an equinox in September?



To illustrate further here is a little diagram on Earth's position at the September equinox:

September equinox is also known as the autumnal (fall) equinox in the Northern Hemisphere, and is considered the first day of fall. In the Southern Hemisphere, it is known as the vernal (spring) equinox and marks the first day of spring.

Key: autumnal (BrE) / (fall - AmE) / i.e. - that is

**Equator:**  
an imaginary line around the earth or another planet at an equal distance from the North Pole and the South Pole.

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# Grammar Rules:

## To..., for....

Is it FOR or is it TO?

Confusing?!?

Not any more, because this simple rule is all you have to remember!!

for + noun

to + verb

We stopped for petrol.

We stopped to get petrol.

I had to run for the bus.

I had to run to catch the bus.

### Exercises:

Connect **A** and **B** to make a new sentence with **to**

A

B

1. I opened the box

I want to keep warm

2. I'm saving money

I want to go to Canada.

3. I need a knife

I want to report the accident.

4. I'm wearing two sweaters  
onions.

I want to chop these

5. I phoned the police

I wanted to see what was in it.

Put in **to** or **for**:

1. We stopped \_\_\_\_\_ petrol.

2. You need a lot of experience \_\_\_\_\_ this job.

3. You need a lot of experience \_\_\_\_\_ do this job.

4. We'll need more time \_\_\_\_\_ make a decision.

5. I went to the dentist \_\_\_\_\_ a check-up.

6. I had to put on my glasses \_\_\_\_\_ read the paper.

7. Do you have to wear glasses \_\_\_\_\_ reading?

8. I wish we had a garden \_\_\_\_\_ the children \_\_\_\_\_ play in.

# Business English



Match the words and phrases with similar meanings:

1. The line is busy.
  2. Will you hold?
  3. I'll put you through.
  4. A code.
  5. An extension number.
  6. Who's calling please?
  7. Hold on.
  8. Go ahead.
  9. This is
  10. An  
ything else?
- a. I'll connect you.
  - b. One moment.
  - c. An office number.
  - d. Could I have your name?
  - e. I'm ready.
  - f. The line is engaged.
  - g. A country or area number.
  - h. Is that all?
  - i. Can you wait?
  - j. speaking.

## Useful phrases for the workplace:

Phrase: on top of

Meaning: in addition to

Example: They want a further discount *on top of* the sale price.

Phrase: perhaps we could

Meaning: a possible suggestion

Example: *Perhaps we could* hold a meeting with the rest of the team to get their views.

Phrase: it seems to me that

Meaning: it is likely that

Example: *It seems to me that* everyone has understood the purpose of this meeting.

Phrase: to put it simply

Meaning: in a few words

Example: *To put it simply* we cannot afford to waste any more time on this project.



# English for Young Learners



## 1. Natural things

Put the correct words into the sentences.

**flowers**                      **fruit and vegetables**                      **plants**                      **pond**                      **grass**  
**leaves**    **rocks**                      **trees**

1. Birds usually make their nests in the \_\_\_\_\_. Here, their eggs are safe from animals that eat
2. Some people grow \_\_\_\_\_ in their gardens, so they can eat things that are very fresh.
3. Sometimes, people pick \_\_\_\_\_ from their garden and put them in vases in their homes.
4. \_\_\_\_\_ are usually smaller than a lot of trees. If they are green, they are healthy.
5. \_\_\_\_\_ grows quite quickly, so people cut it so their gardens look nice.
6. You will find fish, frogs and insects in a \_\_\_\_\_.
7. In autumn, trees usually lose their \_\_\_\_\_.
8. People use \_\_\_\_\_ or stones in their gardens so they look natural.

## 2. Things you do

Match the verbs on the left to the words on the left to make activities that you do in the garden.

smell  
climb  
cut  
dig  
sit  
play

- a. ball games
- b. holes for plants
- c. in the sun
- d. the flowers
- e. the grass
- f. trees



# Spotlight on: Stratford upon Avon

## Facts

Location: West Midlands

County: Warwickshire

Population: 121,444



## Highlights:

The birthplace and gravesite of playwright and poet William Shakespeare. Widely known as Stratford, a popular tourist destination drawing in approximately 2.5 million visitors a year.

The Royal Shakespeare Company resides in Stratford's Royal Shakespeare Theatre.

Stratford-upon-Avon has many fantastic areas to explore, and this is the reason why visitors return year after year. From quaint side streets with unique and individual shops to open parklands along the river, there's something for everyone. You can go shopping, experience celebrations and of course the RSC (Royal Shakespeare Theatre). You can be sure to take a fascinating walking tour of the city, along with bus tours, and river tours, on the river Avon.

Steeped in history is Anne Hathaway's Cottage.

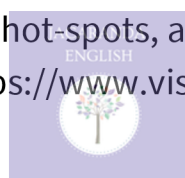
This thatched farmhouse was the childhood home of Shakespeare's wife and features beautiful gardens. It's in Shottery, around a mile from Stratford-upon-Avon. Follow a well sign-posted footpath to reach it by foot from the town centre. There are also woodland walks, a sculpture trail and a family activity tent that runs from April to October. You can also tuck into traditional afternoon tea in the garden cafe.



## Where to stay:

Stratford-upon-Avon has a wealth of hotels, guest houses, country inn's and self catering apartments ready to offer a warm welcome to the thousands of tourists and visitors that stay in the town each year. For more traditional accommodation, there are plenty Bed and breakfast guest houses, more commonly known as B&Bs. Lastly, If you are feeling adventurous and want something a little different, Stratford-upon-Avon has a wealth of working Farms ready to welcome you and your family!

So where can you find the locations of tourist hot-spots, along with a street by street guide to Stratford-upon-Avon - a great resource is <https://www.visitstratforduponavon.co.uk>.





This newsletter includes an article on one of the places you can visit if you come to the UK - Stratford upon Avon. I hope you enjoyed reading it. Look out for an interesting piece of writing from a student in the next newsletter, my lips are sealed!



Pic: Autumn in Latvia, taken by Girts,  
(Business English student)

Once again, any feedback is welcome, so don't hesitate to send me your comments, and of course if you want to participate in the upcoming newsletters - just let me know!

Have a splendid November!

*Stay connected!*



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