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SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

"Let your smile change the world, but don't let the world change your smile."

Bob Marley

TEST YOUR AUTUMN KNOWLEDGE

1. What pigment becomes visible in leaves when chlorophyll production decreases in autumn, producing yellow and orange colors?
2. The word "autumn" comes from which Latin word meaning "increase" or "ripening"?
3. Which ancient Celtic festival, traditionally celebrated around October 31–November 1, is often associated with the origins of Halloween?
4. What astronomical event marks the beginning of autumn in the Northern Hemisphere?
5. What is the literary word for the sound of leaves and trees rustling in the wind?
6. In Japanese culture, what term refers to the traditional practice of viewing and appreciating the autumn moon?
7. Which North American tree is particularly famous for producing brilliant scarlet-red autumn foliage and is also the national tree of Canada?
8. What is the name for the science of growing apples?
9. During autumn, which large bird is famous for forming V-shaped flocks as it migrates south for the colder months.
10. This autumn festival takes advantage of the area's natural acidic bogs to harvest millions of pounds of tart red berries.

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WEEKLY HOROSCOPE

Overall theme: The end of September and start of October is about turning intentions into practical next steps—without trying to force everything to happen at once.

Aries (Mar 21 – Apr 19) Momentum builds around a goal you've been putting off. Take initiative, but avoid rushing conversations that need a little more thought. **Focus:** decisive action.

Taurus (Apr 20 – May 20) This week favors stability and practical choices. A financial or work matter may benefit from taking the slower, more deliberate route. **Focus:** building security.

Gemini (May 21 – Jun 20) Communication is your strength. An unexpected conversation could open up a useful connection or change how you see a situation. **Focus:** staying curious.

Cancer (Jun 21 – Jul 22) Home, family, and emotional boundaries come into focus. Give yourself room to recharge rather than trying to manage everyone else's needs. **Focus:** protecting your energy.

Leo (Jul 23 – Aug 22) Recognition may come through something you've quietly been working on. Let your accomplishments speak for themselves rather than seeking everyone's approval. **Focus:** confidence.

Virgo (Aug 23 – Sep 22) A good week to organize, simplify, and finish unfinished business. Don't let perfectionism turn straightforward tasks into complicated ones. **Focus:** progress over perfection.

Libra (Sep 23 – Oct 22) Relationships take center stage as you look for greater balance and reciprocity. A candid but diplomatic conversation can clear the air. **Focus:** mutual understanding.

Scorpio (Oct 23 – Nov 21) You may feel drawn toward a deeper level of commitment, whether personally or professionally. Trust your instincts while giving others time to show you where they stand. **Focus:** discernment.

Sagittarius (Nov 22 – Dec 21) Restlessness could inspire you to make plans for something new. Before jumping ahead, make sure the practical details can support the adventure. **Focus:** purposeful exploration.

Capricorn (Dec 22 – Jan 19) Responsibilities may feel heavier temporarily, but you're capable of making meaningful progress. **Career:** Leadership and persistence are rewarded. **Money:** Long-term thinking wins.

Aquarius (Jan 20 – Feb 18) Fresh ideas arrive quickly, particularly through friends or group settings. Share your thoughts, but stay open to refining them based on feedback. **Focus:** collaboration.

Pisces (Feb 19 – Mar 20) Your intuition is heightened, but grounding yourself in concrete facts will help you distinguish instinct from wishful thinking. **Focus:** clarity.

WAIT, WHAT DID YOU SAY?

There are many common expressions that we use but are saying wrong. Some of us have been saying them incorrectly often and no one has noticed because they've been butchering these adages too. Well, Easy Reader is here to nip it in the butt and set these expressions straight before things get out of hand and you embarrass yourselves!

For all intensive purposes > **For all intents and purposes**

Meaning: In all important respects or essentially.

Sounds like a high-stress workout where you only exercise your motivations.

I could care less > **I couldn't care less**

Meaning: You care so little that it is impossible to care any less.

The best part is, if you could care less you are certainly welcome to do so...

Doggy dog world > **Dog-eat-dog world**

Meaning: A fierce, ruthless environment where people compete aggressively to survive.

Who let the dogs out? Who, who, who, who, who? No but honestly, a doggy dog world sounds adorable!

One in the same > **One and the same**

Meaning: Identical or the exact same thing.

Using "in" makes the phrase nonsensical, as things are not inside one another; they are united as one. Unless of course you are referring to Matryoshka, Russian nesting dolls that decrease in size when placed inside one another.

Tongue and cheek > **Tongue in cheek**

Meaning: Insincere, ironic, or joking.

The hip bones connected to the backbone, the tongue is connected to the... Well, at least you know parts of the body!

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7. The maple
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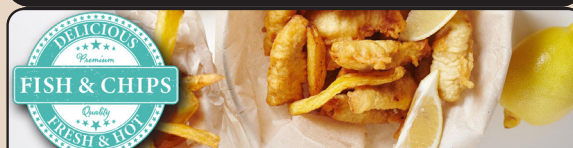
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