

A to Z English

Episode: A to Z Quick Chat Episode 24: The Fall

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Look at the definitions for the vocabulary words from the Quick Chat.

1.	gorgeous	very beautiful
2.	canopy	the branches and leaves that spread out at the tops of trees in the woods
3.	rake	a pole with a crossbar toothed like a comb at the end; used for raking leaves
4.	sweltering	very hot and humid

Make your own sentences by using the words and expressions above.

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Discussion Questions

1. What is your favorite season?
2. Why do you like this season?
3. What activities do you do during your favorite season?
4. What kinds of clothing do you wear during your favorite season?

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00:00:09 Jack
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00:00:12 Kevin
Welcome to an A-Z English quick chat. Today we're going to surprise each other with a topic and see where the conversation goes.

00:00:19 Kevin
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00:00:29 Kevin
And Jack, what do you want to do?

00:00:30 Kevin
You want to talk about today?

00:00:32 Jack
Well, Kevin, it's almost October, so I thought.

00:00:36 Kevin
It is.

00:00:36 Kevin
We're recording this at the end of September.

00:00:38 Jack
That's right.

00:00:39 Jack
And we live in South Korea, which is a country with Four Seasons.

00:00:44 Jack
Well, more or less.

00:00:46 Jack
More or less, yeah, mostly Four Seasons.

00:00:49 Jack
And it's my favorite season right now, actually, and that is the fall and so I'd like to talk about.

00:00:57 Kevin
Me too, actually.

00:00:58 Kevin
I I I love the fall.

00:00:59 Kevin

I've always loved for the fall.

00:01:00 Jack

Me too.

00:01:02 Jack

I grew up in in Minnesota, where there's a very beautiful fall.

00:01:07 Jack

Like the trees.

00:01:09 Jack

The leaves change.

00:01:11 Jack

It just becomes so beautiful and the weather is so nice, so I thought we could talk about that.

00:01:18 Kevin

It's the same in Arizona, actually.

00:01:20 Kevin

I kind of, I miss Arizona falls, especially Northern Arizona because of northerners on that up in the mountains.

00:01:26 Kevin

So it's not like hot desert, it's beautiful mountains and we have Aspen trees up in Northern Arizona.

00:01:35 Jack

Oh yeah.

00:01:36 Kevin

And Aspen trees are just amazing.

00:01:41 Kevin

In the fall they the leaves change these beautiful bright.

00:01:46 Kevin

And then they go this really deep red and then they all fall down to the ground, but they're all clustered on the mountain.

00:01:53 Kevin

So when you look up at the mountain from from town, which is not very far away.

00:01:59 Jack

Like half.

00:02:00 Kevin

Of the mountain is just.

00:02:02 Kevin

Right.

00:02:03 Kevin

Yellow or deep red.

00:02:04Kevin

Beautiful colors, like the whole thing and it's just gorgeous.

00:02:09Kevin

It's so beautiful walking, walking around and looking up and seeing all the the leaves.

00:02:13Kevin

The whole mountain is just.

00:02:14Kevin

This beautiful yellow or beautiful red?

00:02:17Jack

That's great at such and such a beautiful picture.

00:02:19Kevin

I miss it.

00:02:20Jack

Yeah, image we don't have, you know, in Minnesota.

00:02:24Jack

There there are not mountains.

00:02:26Jack

We have a lot of lakes, as I've mentioned probably multiple times on this podcast, but the thing that I something I really love.

00:02:35Jack

Is, was is when you're driving down streets in kind of outside of the city in Minnesota.

00:02:43Jack

The the leaves will change color and create almost like a cave kind of feeling like you.

00:02:51Jack

So the street this is completely has a canopy of of beautiful Reds and yellows and Browns and yeah, and you're just driving through it.

00:03:03Jack

And it's it's almost kind of like a fairy tale.

00:03:07Jack

You know, feels.

00:03:08Jack

Like like a storybook or or something like that.

00:03:12Kevin

Yeah, and the leaves are falling down almost, not quite like snow, but like there's just leaves falling here and then as you drive through.

00:03:20 Kevin

I always try and I love to try and catch the leaves as they're falling around me.

00:03:24 Kevin

I almost never do these banners fly randomly around but but I like to try and catch the leaves when we were young.

00:03:24 Jack

Right now.

00:03:31 Jack

Well even as I got older, one of the one of the things that you have to do is you have to rake the leaves from yard which is.

00:03:39 Kevin

I never had to do that.

00:03:40 Kevin

Growing up in in Arizona, fortunately.

00:03:41 Jack

Yeah, the mountains just take care of themselves.

00:03:44 Jack

But in in the suburbs of the city I grew up in.

00:03:45 Jack

Right.

00:03:51 Jack

If you don't rake the leaves, it just becomes a huge mess.

00:03:56 Jack

And so, but when we were kids we would rake them into a big pile and then we would run and jump into on the pile of leaves.

00:04:08 Jack

And that was just the funnest thing.

00:04:08 Kevin

I've seen, I've seen that in so many like TV shows and comics and things like that of, you know, kids.

00:04:15 Kevin

Going and running.

00:04:15 Kevin

I mean Calvin and Hobbes comics.

00:04:17 Kevin

And Calvin is always running and yell, jumping into into the leaves.

00:04:21 Kevin

I never.

00:04:22 Kevin

I never got to do that as a kid because they didn't have heavily.

00:04:25 Jack

Because Arizona.

00:04:27 Kevin

Yeah, in southern Arizona, there's no trees.

00:04:29 Kevin

It's all cactus.

00:04:31 Kevin

You can and.

00:04:31 Jack

Jump into a cactus.

00:04:33 Jack

But that would be like a different cartoon.

00:04:35 Jack

You know, runner and Cody.

00:04:36 Kevin

Coyote I have run into cactus before.

00:04:39 Kevin

Not fun. Not fun.

00:04:42 Kevin

No, that's that's great.

00:04:43 Kevin

So yeah, big leaves and then your dad would be like, no, and they just sweep it up again.

00:04:46 Jack

Well, he was.

00:04:48 Jack

Oh, yeah, it was.

00:04:49 Jack

It was kind of a planned thing.

00:04:50 Jack

We we break them in order to jump into them.

00:04:54 Jack

But yeah, it was.

00:04:54 Kevin

Right.

00:04:56 Jack

It's just a fun memory from, you know, it's something.

00:04:59 Jack

Fun to do.

00:05:01Jack

In the middle of a, uh, kind of hard job because you're as you're raking, your hands are not.

00:05:06Jack

Accustomed to doing that work, so you get blisters.

00:05:10Jack

From the altar raking.

00:05:10Kevin

No, right.

00:05:11Kevin

So holding the rate for a long time.

00:05:13Jack

Yeah, and you have probably, you know at the store they they you can see where they they put a lot of garbage bags because that's what people put the leaves into is so you.

00:05:25Jack

We have all the houses on the street, would have about 20 garbage bags full of leaves on the on the curb.

00:05:31Kevin

Just leaves.

00:05:34Jack

Yes, it's a lot of these up, so it's a lot of work to, you know, if you have trees in your yard.

00:05:34Kevin

So a lot of leaves, I believe.

00:05:42Kevin

I I see that here in Korea, in Seoul a lot, you know, like all because soul is, although it's a really big city, there is there are a lot of trees around in the city and all the streets and things.

00:05:43Jack

But another thing that you know.

00:05:54Kevin

It's it's quite nice for that.

00:05:57Kevin

And of course, in the fall of the leaves, you know, fall down and then, you know, the city hires a lot of people to go out and just sweep all the leaves and there's just bags of it.

00:06:08Kevin

Yep, we'll start seeing it soon here, I'm I'm pretty sure.

00:06:11 Jack

Yeah, it's a little early right now, but I've noticed we have a Persimmon tree in our yard and it's starting to drop leaves and also some persimmons, so the you gotta be careful.

00:06:26 Jack

Those get pretty heavy.

00:06:28 Jack

It could you.

00:06:30 Jack

It could hurt if he had hit in the head with a Persimmon.

00:06:33 Kevin

Not as bad as a coconut, but yes.

00:06:34 Jack

No, not that bad.

00:06:36 Jack

That's true.

00:06:36 Jack

That's true.

00:06:37 Jack

The other thing I love about fall is.

00:06:39 Jack

The weather change, you know.

00:06:41 Kevin

Yeah, of course.

00:06:41 Jack

Yeah, 'cause.

00:06:42 Jack

Winter is too cold.

00:06:44 Jack

Summer is awful in my opinion.

00:06:46 Kevin

That means spring and fall are both amazing, whether they're very different, right?

00:06:50 Kevin

So in the fall you've been living with this hot, sticky, sweltering summer for the past three.

00:06:58 Kevin

Or four months.

00:07:00 Kevin

And now it's just so nice and it's just refreshing.

00:07:00 Jack

Right.

00:07:03 Kevin

You walked outside it.

00:07:05 Kevin

You don't, you're not sweating.

00:07:06 Kevin

It's just like, ah, yeah, this is, this is nice weather.

00:07:09 Kevin

I can, I can enjoy this.

00:07:11 Jack

Yeah, there's nothing.

00:07:12 Jack

There's nothing better than a brisk.

00:07:15 Jack

Fall day like.

00:07:17 Kevin

Yeah, you're starting.

00:07:18 Jack

To you can like add layers of clothing so instead of just wearing AT shirt.

00:07:21 Kevin

Yeah, pretty much perfect.

00:07:23 Jack

But I could put out sweater on and I'm comfortable outside or a light jacket and I think the style is the best.

00:07:31 Jack

It like false fashion is is my favorite kind of fashion.

00:07:35 Jack

'cause you can.

00:07:35 Kevin

Actually I I agree as well like follows.

00:07:38 Kevin

It's this kind of weather is pretty much perfect.

00:07:40 Kevin

Well it's about you know low 20s in the day and then like the mid, mid to low teens at.

00:07:46 Kevin

Right.

00:07:47 Kevin

So you go outside in the day?

00:07:48 Kevin

And it's.

00:07:48 Kevin

Just like nice, not hot, not cold, you know, in the mid 20s.

00:07:52 Kevin

But then at night, yeah, you need a quick a.

00:07:54 Kevin

Light jacket which looks really.

00:07:55 Jack

Yeah, right, exactly.

00:07:55 Kevin

Cool, it feels doesn't wear jacket.

00:07:58 Kevin

And you've got more pockets to put your phone and things in.

00:08:01 Kevin

It's nice.

00:08:01 Jack

Right, right.

00:08:03 Jack

You know, then winter obviously gets quite cold and then you're, you're just uncomfortable and and you're you're bundled up too much, you know, there's, there's, you know, two you've got your your sweater and then you've got a big jacket and mittens.

00:08:18 Kevin

Yeah, stock.

00:08:18 Jack

Definitely decaf and all this stuff.

00:08:19 Kevin

Yeah, winter.

00:08:20 Kevin

It takes 5 minutes just to get ready to.

00:08:21 Jack

Go outside, yeah.

00:08:24 Kevin

Yeah, in the fault.

00:08:25 Kevin

Grab a quick jacket, grab a coat and.

00:08:27 Kevin

You're good to go.

00:08:27 Jack

You're done. Yeah. And maybe.

00:08:29 Jack

Maybe a cup of coffee that's just like a perfect fall.

00:08:32 Jack

Day, you know.

00:08:33 Kevin

That's true, yeah.

00:08:34 Kevin

Cup of coffee and go and watch the leaves fall and and just enjoy.

00:08:38 Kevin

The brisk air is a pretty great afternoon.

00:08:42 Jack

Yeah, yeah.

00:08:43 Kevin

Read a book.

00:08:44 Jack

Yeah, yeah, I think we, I think we hit the nail on the head there.

00:08:48 Jack

That's that's a perfect season.

00:08:50 Kevin

Absolutely. Yeah, yeah.

00:08:52 Kevin

Some people do enjoy spring more, and I can understand that.

00:08:54 Kevin

You know, you've got the spring, the, the flowers blossoming and.

00:08:57 Kevin

Things like that.

00:08:58 Kevin

But for me, fall has just always been.

00:09:00 Kevin

Been my favorite, yeah.

00:09:02 Jack

I me too.

00:09:03 Jack

I don't know there's something about.

00:09:05 Jack

And some people say I'm one of them, maybe have a darker side or something, because I like the everything dying, right?

00:09:13 Jack

But it's it's not.

00:09:13 Jack

Instead of everything coming back to life again, I I like yeah.

00:09:16 Kevin

All right, that is spring and fall.

00:09:18 Jack

I like going into the the the darkness of.

00:09:22 Jack

More than coming out of it.

00:09:24 Jack

But yeah, it's that.

00:09:25 Jack

Maybe that says something about my personality, I guess.

00:09:29 Kevin

I don't know, but I'm I'm right with you there as as well.

00:09:31 Kevin

So yeah, fall is my favorite season and I I'm very much looking forward to the next.

00:09:37 Kevin

Three weeks to a.

00:09:38 Kevin

Month, hopefully before it starts to get actually cold.

00:09:41 Kevin

It's gonna be great.

00:09:41 Jack

Right, right.

00:09:42 Jack

So yeah, there's there's a a good happy month there of just feeling good, but it's too short.

00:09:48 Kevin

Yeah, if we could just stay at this temperature all year round, I'd be a very happy person.

00:09:51 Jack

Right.

00:09:56 Kevin

Well, Jack, let's go.

00:09:57 Kevin

Let's go have a go out for a walk and enjoy it.

00:09:59Kevin

A nice fall day today.

00:10:00Kevin

Grab a coffee.

00:10:00Jack

Absolutely, yeah.

00:10:02Kevin

Go take your dog out.

00:10:03Kevin

Go for a walk.

00:10:05Kevin

Well everybody, thanks for listening on this beautiful fall day and.

00:10:11Kevin

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00:10:16Kevin

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00:10:20Kevin

So we'll.

00:10:21Kevin

See you all next time.

00:10:22Kevin

Good one.

00:10:31Jack

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