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"To Autumn" Ode by John Keats

Directions: Ode poems praise or celebrate a person or event. John Keats, a poet, created an ode for autumn, which we know as the fall season. Read the poem below and answer the questions.

excerpt "To Autumn"

Season of mists and mellow fruitfulness,
Close bosom-friend of the maturing sun;
Conspiring with him how to load and bless
With fruit the vines that round the thatch-eaves run;
To bend with apples the mossed cottage-trees,
And fill all fruit with ripeness to the core;
To swell the gourd, and plump the hazel shells
With a sweet kernel; to set budding more,
And still more, later flowers for the bees,
Until they think warm days will never cease,
For Summer has o'er-brimmed their clammy cell.

1. Identify and list the words in this poem that tell us the author celebrates autumn. What does the poet seem to like the most about autumn?