

Celebrate pumpkin time.

Beginners.

Pumpkins, pumpkins, big, fat, and round. Children love them, and adults too. They grow all Summer; turn color from green to orange. Some stay small, but others get bigger and bigger. I have some in my garden. One, two, three, four. One for each of my children. They will be Jack-o-lanterns with eyes, noses, and mouths. Do you like our Mr. Pumpkin in the photo? What do you think? Is he friendly or scary?

Grammar notes.

Verbs which are *regular* in the *present*: to love, to grow, to get, to like, to think.

I love, you love, he loves, we love, you(pl.) love, they love.

Verbs which are *irregular* in the *present*: to have, to be.

I have, you have, he has, we have, you(pl.) have, they have.

I am, you are, he is, we are, you(pl.) are, they are.

Advanced.

Oh, it's pumpkin time in the North West. October gives a touch of magic to our little town of Wenatchee. The colors of Autumn begin to appear here and there, and, though the days are getting shorter, they are sunny and still. It is the perfect time for contemplating nature. Perhaps there is enough sun this month to ripen up my tomatoes that are bulging and heavy, but, unfortunately, still green. The vegetable gardens in this area are quickly coming to an end, as Mr. Frost makes his quiet visit each morning. "Keep growing Mr. and Mrs. Pumpkin!" say my children as they visit our pumpkin patch. These huge, orange beauties, lying around in fading leaves, are almost human. But, why do children love them so much? Jack-o-lanterns, of course! And my favorite, pumpkin pie, yum!

Grammar notes.

Verbs that are *irregular* in the *present*: to be.

I am, you are, he is, we are, you(pl.) are, they are.

Color is americanism of colour.

Adverbs and conjunctions for writing: though, perhaps, unfortunately, of course.