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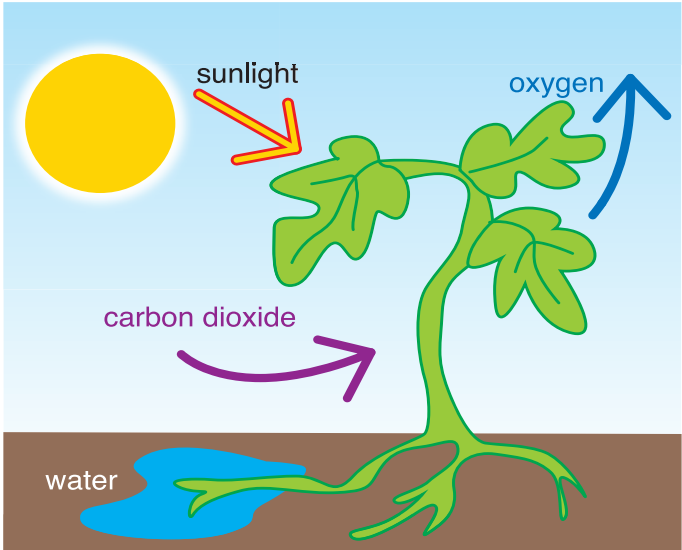
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Why do leaves change color in the fall?

D L H P A O



It's Not Easy Staying Green

Plants make food in a process called **photosynthesis**. During summer, plants take water up from their roots to their leaves. They absorb **carbon dioxide** from the air. These combine to make **chlorophyll** which makes plant leaves green.

Photosynthesis slows in fall as winter approaches. Trees and plants live off their stored food. The green chlorophyll disappears leaving red, orange and yellow leaves. The dry, brittle leaves soon drop from trees with the help of crisp autumn breezes.

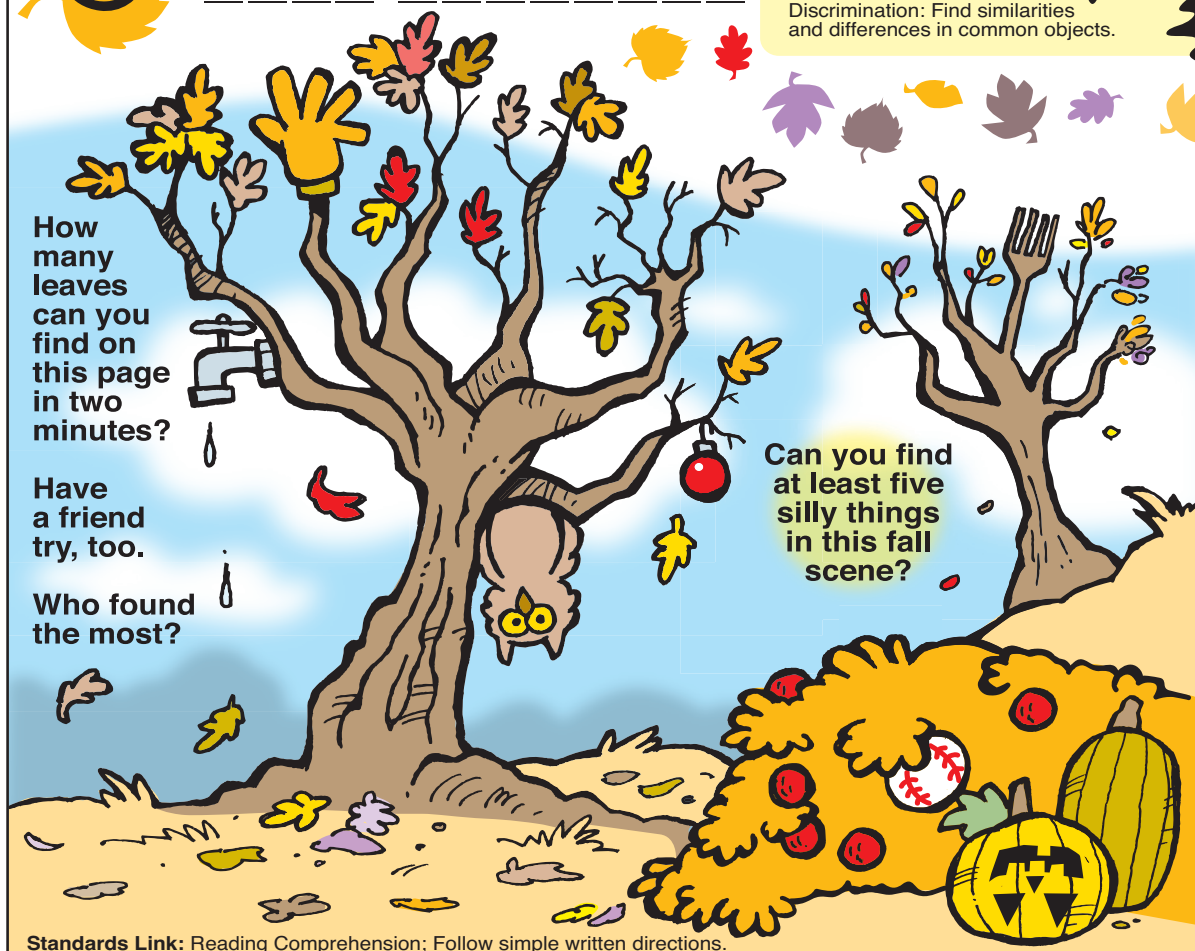
When the rain comes down, what goes up?

Find the answer in the fall leaf border! Start here. Then read every other letter as you move clockwise around the border.

Lookalike Leaves

All of the leaves at right have an identical twin – except one. Can you find it?

Standards Link: Visual Discrimination: Find similarities and differences in common objects.



Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.

Extra! Extra!

Fall Syllables

Find words in the newspaper that have the same number of syllables as the fall words below. Paste each word on the picture with the matching number of syllables.



Leaf



Acorn



Harvested



Jack o' lantern

Standards Link: Decoding and Word Recognition: Decode regular multi-syllabic words.

Kid Scoop Puzzler

START



FINISH

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.

Double Double Word Search

LEAVES
WATER
SYLLABLES
CARBON
SEASON
WINTER
SCENE
BORDER
CRISP
ACORN
GREEN
DISAPPEAR
ROOTS
FALL
DAYS

Find the words by looking up, down, backwards, forwards, sideways and diagonally.

S	Y	S	E	R	E	D	R	O	B
Y	S	E	L	B	A	L	L	Y	S
A	T	A	L	A	R	S	V	E	R
D	O	S	A	S	E	C	H	A	E
G	O	O	F	V	T	A	N	C	T
R	R	N	A	C	A	R	B	O	N
E	N	E	C	S	W	G	E	R	I
E	L	G	P	S	I	R	C	N	W
N	R	A	E	P	P	A	S	I	D

Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognized identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.



Kid Scoop Together: FALL WORD GAME

Each row of squares below has the letters of a word that can be found on this page. Read today's **Kid Scoop** page and then try to unscramble them all.

1 - 3: Junior Hiker
4 - 7: Botanist
8 - 10: Dendrologist (Tree scientist)

C R O O L

B R A N O C

T W E R I N

G R O N E A

T H U S L I G N

B R A S O B

G Y O N E X

A V E L S E

G E N A C H

M U A U N T

Standards Link: Spelling: Spell grade-level words correctly.



Kid Scoop VOCABULARY BUILDERS

This week's word: **ABSORB**

The verb **absorb** means to take in or swallow up.

The sponge was able to **absorb** my spilled milk.

Try to use the word **absorb** in a sentence today when talking with your friends and family.

FROM THE Kid Scoop LESSON LIBRARY

Autumn

Find five words in the newspaper that describe the autumn season. Paste the words onto a sheet of paper. Write a sentence using each word. Decorate your paper with images of fall.

Standards Link: Grammar: Identify and use adjectives in writing. Sentence Structure: Write simple and complex complete sentences.



What's the best way to catch a squirrel?

ANSWER: Climb a tree and act like a nut.

Write On!

Eat like a plant?

Would you like to "eat" like a plant – meaning have the ability to turn sunshine, water and CO2 into food through photosynthesis? Why or why not?

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