

Kid Scoop

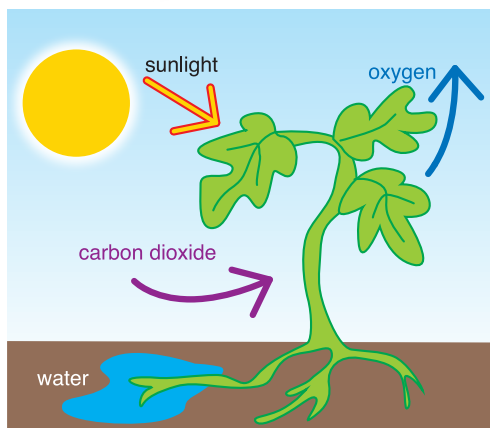
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Why do leaves change color in the fall?



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.

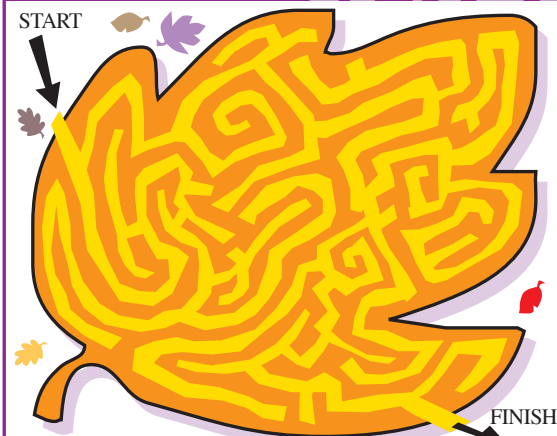
Lookalike Leaves

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.



Kid Scoop Puzzler



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.

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.

Write On!

Holiday Celebrations

Send your story to:
The Press
248 Oak Street
Brentwood, CA
94513

Does your family celebrate Hanukkah, Christmas or another holiday? Write a paragraph describing how your family celebrates.

Deadline: October 28 Published: Week of Nov. 25
Please include your school and grade.

How many leaves can you find on this page in two minutes?

Have a friend try, too.

Who found the most?

Can you find at least five silly things in this fall scene?

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.

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