Name: _____ Date: _____

Leaves Change Color

Circle group

In summer, leaves are green. Then it is fall.

The leaves turn red, yellow, and orange. They fall to the ground. I jump in the leaves!

In winter, the trees are bare. In spring, new leaves grow.

Questions

1. What color are leaves in summer?

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2. What colors do leaves turn in fall?

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3. Where do the leaves go?

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4. What do I do in the leaves?

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5. When do new leaves grow?

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Words to know

leaves: the flat green parts of a tree
fall: the season when leaves change color and drop
bare: with nothing on it

Talk together (every group has these)

1. Find one fact that every group read. How did your sheet say it?
2. What did your sheet tell you that you think another group's did not? Ask them.

3. What is one question about this topic that none of the sheets answered?

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Leaves Change Color

Triangle group

In summer, the leaves on many trees are green. Then the days get cooler. It is fall.

The leaves turn red, yellow, and orange. Then the leaves fall down to the ground. I jump in a pile of leaves!

The trees are bare in winter. In spring, new green leaves grow back.

Questions

1. What color are many leaves in summer?

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2. What colors do leaves turn in fall?

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3. What do the leaves do after they change color?

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4. What do I do with the pile of leaves?

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5. When do new leaves grow back?

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Words to know

leaves: the flat green parts of a tree
fall: the season when leaves change color and drop
pile: a heap of things piled up
bare: with nothing on it

Talk together (every group has these)

1. Find one fact that every group read. How did your sheet say it?
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3. What is one question about this topic that none of the sheets answered?

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Leaves Change Color

Square group

During the summer, the leaves on many trees are a deep, bright green. Then the days begin to get cooler, and fall arrives.

The leaves slowly turn beautiful shades of red, yellow, and orange. After a while, they drift down to the ground, and I love to jump into a big pile of them.

In winter, the trees stand bare. But when spring comes, fresh green leaves grow back again.

Questions

1. What color are the leaves on many trees during the summer?

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2. What shades do the leaves turn in the fall?

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3. Where do the leaves drift after a while?

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4. What do I love to do with a big pile of leaves?

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5. When do fresh green leaves grow back?

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Words to know

leaves: the flat green parts of a tree
fall: the season when leaves change color and drop
pile: a heap of things piled up
bare: with nothing on it

Talk together (every group has these)

1. Find one fact that every group read. How did your sheet say it?
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For the teacher: Leaves Change Color

Each student sheet carries a shape, not a level. The same topic and facts, written three ways.

Circle: Leaves Change Color

Easier · 37 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade -0.4

1. Green.
2. Red, yellow, and orange.
3. They fall to the ground.
4. I jump in them.
5. In spring.

Triangle: Leaves Change Color

This passage · 52 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 0.3

1. Green.
2. Red, yellow, and orange.
3. They fall down to the ground.
4. I jump in it.
5. In spring, after the bare winter.

Square: Leaves Change Color

Harder · 70 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 3.6

1. Green.
2. Red, yellow, and orange.
3. Down to the ground.
4. Jump into it.
5. In spring, after the bare winter.