

READ THE PASSAGE Look for details in the passage that tell you autumn is coming.

It's Autumn

Summer is over. In some places, the days grow cool. We put away our swimsuits. We take out sweaters for chilly mornings. The air feels crisp and fresh. The pumpkins in the field are big, round, and orange like the sun. The apples are ready to eat.

The leaves on some of the trees change color. Some turn red. Others turn yellow or orange. They are bright and amazing to see! Where did the colors come from? They were there all along. When the days get colder, the green color on the leaves goes away. We see bright new colors.

The leaves dry out and fall from the trees. They crunch under our feet as we walk. We rake them into great big piles. We jump into the piles with our friends!

SKILL PRACTICE Read the question. Fill in the bubble next to the correct answer.

1. What probably happens to apples and pumpkins in autumn?
Ⓐ They fall from the trees.
Ⓑ They dry out.
Ⓒ They become ripe.
Ⓓ They are raked into big piles.
2. Which of these would most likely describe autumn leaves?
Ⓐ pretty
Ⓑ dry
Ⓒ round
Ⓓ chilly
3. Why do you think leaves are not bright colors in summer?
Ⓐ because they are not ripe yet
Ⓑ because green hides the other colors
Ⓒ because green is better for summer
Ⓓ because they have not been raked into piles
4. Why do you think the children jump into leaves?
Ⓐ to hide
Ⓑ to dry them
Ⓒ to get warm
Ⓓ to have fun

STRATEGY PRACTICE Write a question you have about the passage. Have a partner answer it.