

Leaves Fall



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Green Words (Phonetic):

bagging

dump

raking

piles

vest

finished

stuffed

plastic

dived

jacket

tossed

leaves

van

leaf

mittens

little

Red Words (Sight):

good

as

cold

want

Practice reading these sentences.

Dad asked Eva and Vick to rake leaves.

Little Eva helped Vick bag leaves.

She jumped into a pile of leaves.

The leaves on the trees started to change color and fall to the ground. Vick wanted to play in the leaves.



Vick said, "Mom, all the leaves fell.
I like to jump in the leaves."
"It is cold. You must put on a jacket, vest, and mittens,"
said Mom. "Then you can go out."
"O.K.," said Vick.

Vick bundled up in his heavy jacket and vest. He put on his warm hat and mittens. Just as he was about to run outside to play, Dad came in.



Vick's dad said, "Vick, I need to rake the leaves.
Can you help?"

Vick said, "I can rake and bag the leaves.
I like to help you, Dad."

Vick was glad to help his dad!



Vick ran to the shed and got rakes.
Dad got ten big plastic bags.
Vick dragged his rake across the leaves.
He raked lots and lots of leaves into piles.
Dad bagged the leaves.

Suddenly, the back door slammed. Vick looked up to see his little sister, Eva, running toward him.



“Vick,” said Eva, “I want to help.”

“Oh, no,” said Vick. “Eva, go back in.

You cannot help. You are little. It is cold.”



“But I want to help,” begged Eva. “I can rake!
I can bag leaves!”

“You can help,” said Dad, “but it is cold.
You must put on a vest. You must put on mittens
and a hat.”

“O.K.,” said Eva. She ran into the  house.



Eva ran back out to Vick and Dad.

“I put on my vest and my hat,” she said.

“I got my mittens. Now I can rake leaves with you!”

“No,” said Vick. “I am raking. You can help Dad bag leaves.”

Dad handed Eva a bag.



Eva picked up a red leaf. She put it into the bag.
She picked up a tan leaf and put it into the bag.
“Eva!” said Vick. “Not like that.
We cannot put them in one by one.”

Vick showed Eva how to scoop up armfuls of leaves and stuff them into the bags. Everyone worked hard.



Eva stuffed piles of leaves into the bags.
“Bagging leaves is a hot job,” she said.
She tugged off her hat.
Then she ran and jumped into a big pile of leaves.
Vick was mad. He said, “Eva, stop messing up the leaves. We must put all the leaves in the bags.”

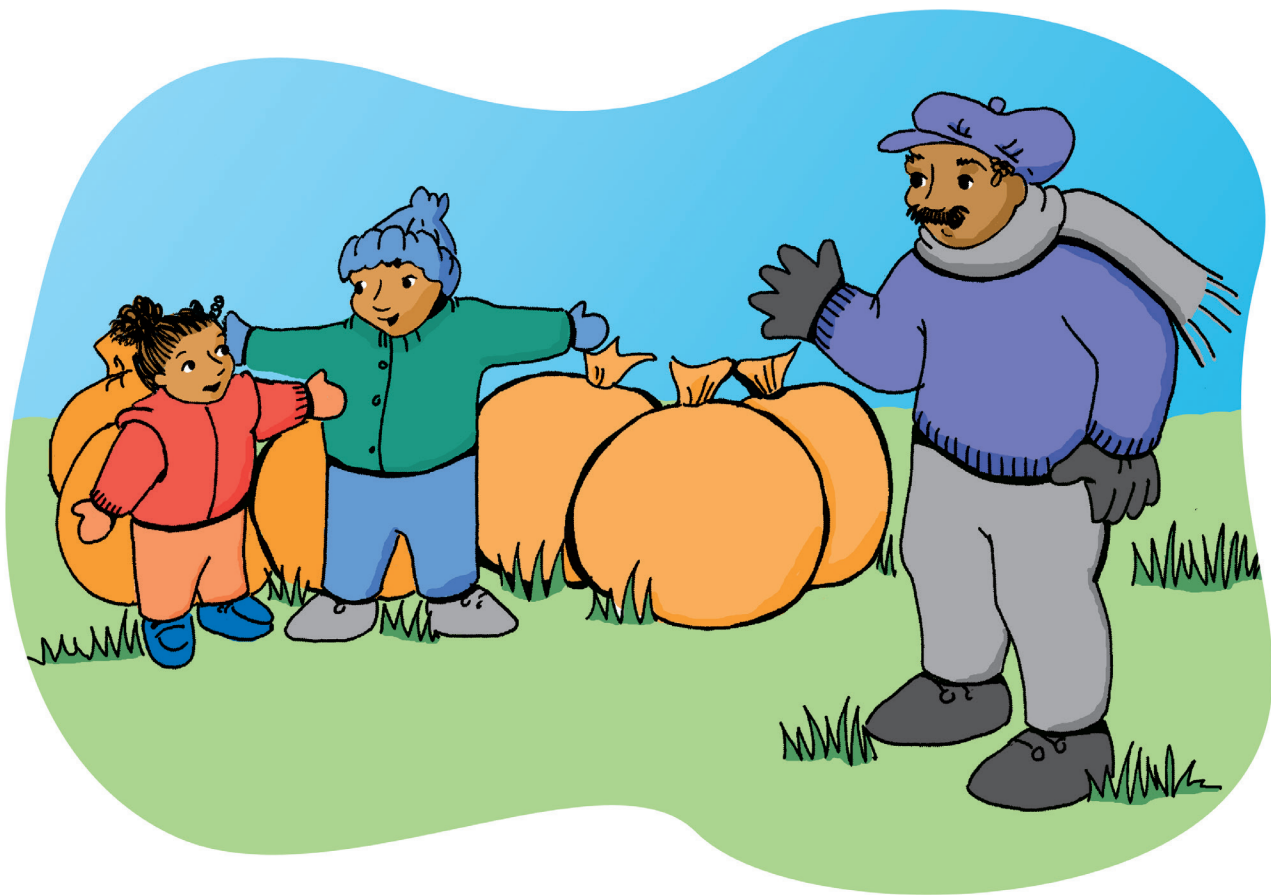


Dad stopped bagging leaves and said, “It’s O.K. to have fun, Vick!”

Eva tossed leaves at Vick. Vick dived into a big pile of leaves.

It was fun to dive into the leaves.

Vick tossed leaves at Eva. He grinned as she tossed them back.



Dad and the kids finished the job.
“The leaves are in the bags,” said Vick.
“We did it! We helped Dad.”
“Yes,” said Eva, “and I was a big help!”
“Yes,” said Dad, “you helped a lot, Eva.”



Dad said, "You kids did a good job.
Let's put the bags of leaves in the van."
He got the van. The kids helped Dad.
Then he said, "I am going to the dump."



“Can we go to the dump?” asked Vick.

“I want to go!” begged Eva.

“I like to go in the van.”

“O.K.,” said Dad. “You can go.”

The children were excited to go along with their dad. They all piled in Dad’s van to take the bags of leaves to the dump.

1. What did Dad ask Vick and Eva to do?

- a. He asked them to cut the grass.
- b. He asked them to rake and bag leaves.

2. How did Eva help Vick?

- a. She put leaves in bags.
- b. She jumped into piles of leaves.

3. Why did Eva take off her hat?

- a. She was cold.
- b. She was hot.

4. Where did they put the leaves?

5. Why did they go to the dump?

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