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.

What did Vick like to do in the leaves? [He liked to jump in the leaves.]

He liked to jump (demonstrate “jump”) in the leaves.

Was it hot or cold outside? [It was cold outside.]

What did Mom tell Vick he must do before he can go outside? [He must put on a jacket, vest, and mittens.]
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 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.

What did Vick’s dad need to do? [He needed to rake the leaves.]
What could Vick do to help? [Vick could rake and bag the leaves.]
Vick could rake. Demonstrate raking.
He could bag the leaves. If you bag leaves, you put them in a bag.
How did Vick feel about helping his dad? [He liked to help.]
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.

Where did Vick go?  [Vick went to the shed.]
What did Vick get from the shed?  [Vick got rakes from the shed.]
What did Dad get?  [Dad got ten big plastic bags.]
Vick raked the leaves into piles. What did Dad do?  [He put the leaves in the bags.]
“Vick,” said Eva, “I want to help.”
“Oh, no,” said Vick. “Eva, go back in.
You cannot help. You are little. It is cold.”

What did Eva want to do? [She wanted to help.]
What did Vick say? [He said, “No, go back in.”]
Why didn’t Vick think Eva could help? [She was little, and it was 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.”

Did Eva pick up leaves? (WGR) [yes]

Why was Vick mad? (T-P-S)
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.”

Eva got hot and tugged off her hat. Then what did she do? [She jumped into the leaves.]

Why was Vick mad? (T-P-S)
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.

What did Dad say? [“It is O.K. to have fun.”]
What did Eva do with the leaves? [She tossed them at Vick.]
What did Vick do? [He dived into a big pile of leaves.]
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.”

Did the kids finish the job? (WGR) [yes]
What did they do with the leaves? [They put them in bags.]
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.”

Did the kids do a good job? (T-P-S)
What did they do with the bags of leaves? [They put them in the van.]
Where was Dad going? [Dad was 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.

What did Vick ask? [“Can we go to the dump?”]
Did Eva want to go? (WGR) [yes]
What did Dad say? [“O.K., you can go.”]
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Use T-P-S to discuss these questions.

1. **How do Eva and Vick help Dad?**
   
   *They rake the leaves and put them in bags.*

2. **How do Eva and Vick have fun in the leaves?**
   
   *They jump in the piles of leaves and throw leaves at each other.*

3. **Where do Dad, Eva, and Vick go at the end of the story? Why?**
   
   *They go to the dump to take away the bags of leaves.*
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