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FALL READING

Answer each question.

In autumn, many trees change the color of their leaves.

Green leaves turn into beautiful shades of yellow, orange, red, and brown.

But why does this happen?

Leaves are green because they contain a substance called chlorophyll.

It helps plants make food from sunlight.

As autumn comes, there is less sunlight, and the leaves stop making food.

When chlorophyll breaks down, the other colors in the leaves appear.

That's why we see bright fall colors before the leaves fall off the trees.

This change helps trees get ready for winter.

Shedding leaves saves energy and protects the tree during cold months.



Why do trees shed their leaves?



What helps trees prepare for winter?



What makes leaves green?



What happens when trees get less sunlight?