

Zara's Autumn Colour Hunt

Learning objective: To explore natural colours and patterns in the environment, developing observational skills and understanding of seasonal changes.

Zara the zebra is heading into the woods to find autumn treasures. She sees many different colours on the leaves. Look at the items in the list below. Decide if the item is usually a colour we see in autumn (like gold, red, or brown) or a colour we see in summer (like bright green or blue). Draw a line to match the leaf colour to the correct season, and then answer Zara's questions about your own observations.

Word bank: Gold · Brown · Bright Green · Red · Orange · Sky Blue

1. Zara finds a leaf that is golden yellow. Is this a colour we see more often in autumn or in summer? (2 marks)

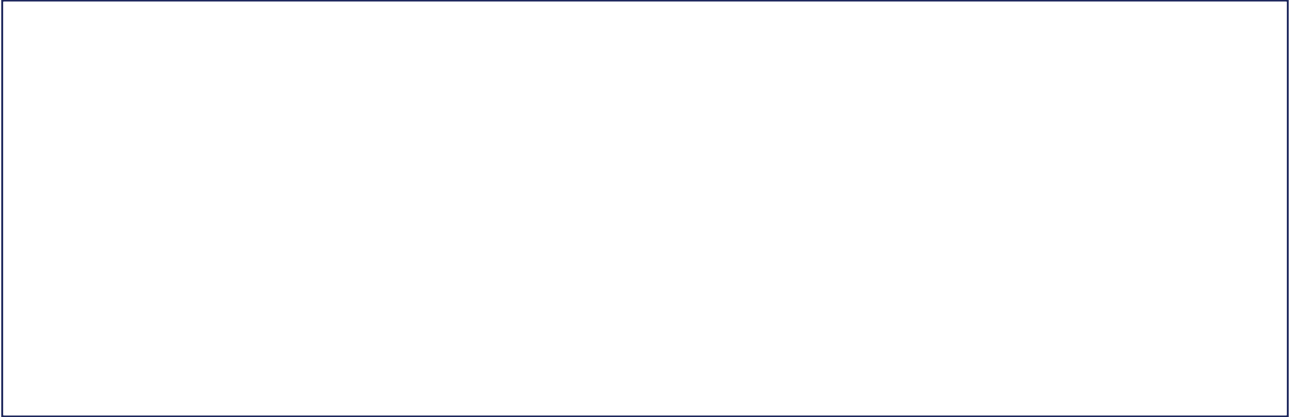
2. If you were painting a picture of an autumn tree, which two colours from the word bank would you choose to use first? (2 marks)

3. Why do you think leaves change colour when the weather gets colder? (2 marks)

4. Max the monkey wants to buy a small pumpkin for £2 and a bunch of leaves for £1. How much money does he need altogether? (2 marks)

5. Can you name one thing that happens in nature during autumn, other than leaves changing colour? (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a picture of a tree in autumn. Use your favourite autumn colours to show the leaves falling onto the ground. Add a squirrel or a hedgehog hiding in the leaves!



Extension challenge: Go on an autumn walk with an adult. Collect three leaves of different colours. Bring them home and try to arrange them into a pattern, just like Zara does!