



Autumn Leaves



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You can sound these words out. Practice them
before you start to read the book.

Both words are in the 'o' saying 'u' family.

wonderful won-der-ful

This word is not difficult to read but it is
introduced ahead of its family being taught
(‘our’ saying ‘er’ - Level 3).

colour co-lour

Why do plants have leaves?

Leaves help plants to make food.

The sunshine and the green colour of the leaves work together to make food.

To make food, the leaves need sun, water and light. The leaves open out to catch light.



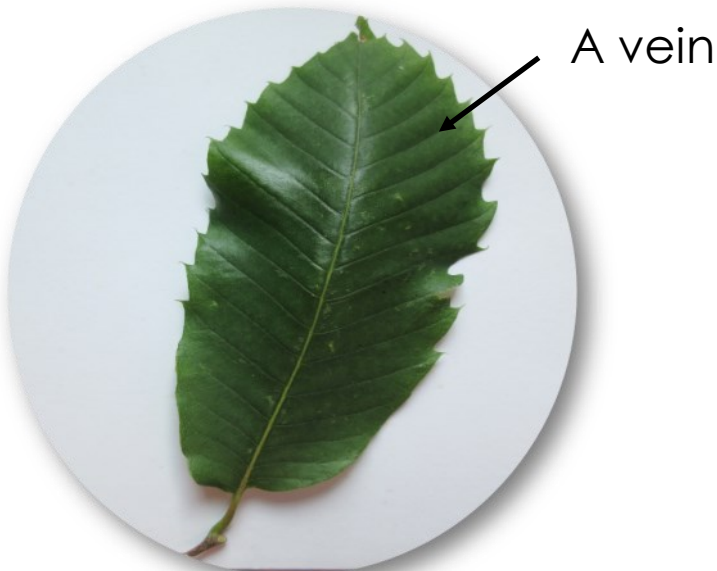
The roots of the tree take in water from the soil.



All over the leaf are tiny tubes called veins (v-ay-ns).

The little veins join up to a big vein in the middle of the leaf.

The veins carry food all around the tree. Can you see the veins on this leaf?





The trees use their food to work hard all spring and summer.

What work do they do? They make more of their own kind.

They do this by making seeds. In autumn we can find seeds.

Some trees make nuts.

Here are some nuts.



Some trees have seeds with wings!



Some trees have berries. The pips
are the seeds!



Why do the leaves turn different colours in autumn?

As the days get shorter, the trees know it is time to get ready to rest for winter. The trees will not be able to make food in the winter as there will not be much sunshine.

They will live off the food they stored up in summer.



The green colour starts to fade from the leaves and we begin to see other colours.

What colours can you see?

Then the leaves fall and fall...



....until no leaves are left!

But the trees are not dead!



When the days get longer and the weather gets warmer, they will start to grow again.



**What a
wonderful world we live in!**



Things to do!

- 1) Find as many different kinds of leaves as you can. Can you find out the name of the tree each one came from?
- 2) Look for seeds on and under the trees.
- 3) Make a list of words to de-scribe autumn leaves.

