

Chapter 1: Falling Leaves

Read the following lines from the poem and choose the correct interpretation

1. "Up in the trees there's gentle sigh, / For the leaves are whispering, 'Good-bye, good-bye'"
 - a) The leaves are falling and bidding farewell to summer.
 - b) The trees are sad because winter is ending.
 - c) The wind is making the trees groan in pain.
 - d) The leaves are celebrating the arrival of spring.
2. "Leaves of yellow, of crimson, of brown, / Saying 'Good-bye!' as they flutter down."
 - a) The leaves are changing colour because of pollution.
 - b) The leaves are being painted by an artist.
 - c) The leaves are dying and falling, symbolizing autumn.
 - d) The leaves are dancing in joy.
3. "Up in the trees there's a golden rain / Of the leaves that ne'er will be green again"
 - a) The leaves will regrow immediately after falling.
 - b) The falling leaves will never return to their green summer state.
 - c) The trees are crying golden tears.
 - d) The sun is melting the leaves into gold.
4. "Under the boughs is a carpet bright, / Which the leaves have made in a single night"
 - a) The forest floor is covered with fallen leaves overnight.

- b) Someone has spread a man-made carpet in the woods.
- c) The leaves are glowing in the dark.
- d) The trees are growing a new layer of bark.
5. "All through the woods goes the cruel wind, / As he drives the leaves with his breath unkind"
- a) The wind is helping the leaves grow back.
- b) The wind is forcefully scattering the helpless leaves.
- c) The wind is singing a lullaby to the trees.
- d) The wind is warming the forest.
6. "Leaves that cover, and shelter, and cling, / Trembling and frightened of everything."
- a) The leaves are brave and unafraid of the wind.
- b) The leaves are laughing at the wind.
- c) The leaves are weak and scared as they fall.
- d) The leaves are growing stronger in winter.
7. "All down the stream, on its swollen tide, / Float the leaves, like ships in which fairies ride"
- a) The leaves are sinking to the bottom of the river.
- b) The leaves are being carried away by the water, resembling fairy boats.
- c) The fairies are collecting leaves to build a bridge.
- d) The stream is drying up because of the leaves.
8. "Ships that hasten to harbour and sigh, / 'Winter is coming, Good-bye, good-bye!'"
- a) The leaves are excited for winter sports.

- b) The leaves are refusing to fall from the trees.
- c) The leaves are drifting away, accepting the arrival of winter.
- d) The leaves are warning the fairies about a storm.

9. What is the central theme of the poem?

- a) The beauty and inevitability of seasonal change.
- b) The joy of summer's return.
- c) The destruction caused by storms.
- d) The importance of planting more trees.

10. Which literary device is used in "Float the leaves, like ships in which fairies ride"?

- a) Alliteration
- b) Simile
- c) Metaphor
- d) Personification

Multiple Choice Questions

1. What is the primary season being described in the poem?

- a) Spring
- b) Summer
- c) Autumn
- d) Winter

2. The line "Leaves of yellow, of crimson, of brown" suggests:

- a) The leaves are changing colour due to seasonal transition.
- b) The leaves are diseased.
- c) The leaves are being painted by someone.
- d) The leaves are reflecting sunlight.

3. The phrase "Up in the trees there's a golden rain" is an example of:

- a) Simile
- b) Metaphor
- c) Personification
- d) Hyperbole

4. What does the "carpet bright under the boughs" symbolize?

- a) A man-made decoration in the forest.
- b) Snow covering the forest floor.
- c) A thick layer of fallen leaves covering the ground.
- d) Flowers blooming in winter.

5. The "cruel wind" in the poem is portrayed as:

- a) A gentle and kind force.
- b) A playful breeze.
- c) A warm summer wind.
- d) A destructive and harsh element.

6. The leaves are described as "Trembling and frightened of everything" to emphasize:

- a) Their helplessness against the wind and change.
- b) Their excitement for winter.
- c) Their anger at being torn from trees.
- d) Their joy in floating away.

7. The comparison of floating leaves to "ships in which fairies ride" serves to:

- a) Highlight the scientific process of decomposition.
- b) Suggest that fairies are real.

- c) Create a magical, whimsical image of nature.
 - d) Show how leaves pollute streams.
8. The repeated phrase "Good-bye, good-bye!" conveys:
- a) Celebration of a new beginning.
 - b) A final farewell to summer and life.
 - c) The leaves greeting the wind.
 - d) Birds singing to the trees.
9. Which theme BEST fits the poem?
- a) The joy of eternal summer.
 - b) The danger of deforestation.
 - c) The importance of wind in nature.
 - d) The inevitability of change and decay.
10. The tone of the poem can be described as:
- a) Humorous and light-hearted.
 - b) Mournful yet accepting.
 - c) Angry and rebellious.
 - d) Indifferent and cold.