

The Autumn Guessing Game

Mouse: Hello, Bear!

Bear: Hello, Mouse! How are you today?

Mouse: I'm doing well, Bear, thank you. How are you?

Bear: I'm bored.

Mouse: Oh no! I bet I can entertain you. How about we play a guessing game?

Bear: That sounds like fun!

Mouse: Okay, I'll think of something and give you some clues and you have to try to guess what it is.

Bear: Okay.

Mouse: The first thing I'm thinking of is green and hangs on trees in the summer, but it turns many different colors in the autumn, and when it gets cold outside, it falls to the ground.

Bear: An ostrich!

Mouse: Nope. Try again, Bear. What grows on trees, turns different colors in the autumn and falls to the ground when it gets cold outside?

Bear: A zebra!

Mouse: Nope, try again. It grows on trees, turns different colors in the fall. People like to rake them up into piles, and little children like jumping into the piles!

Bear: Okay, okay, I've got it now. It's a rump roast.

Mouse: No, it's not a rump roast.

Bear: Is it a bird? A plane? Is it Superman?

Mouse: No, it's not a bird, or a plane or Superman. One more time, Bear. It grows on trees. It turns different colors – such as red and orange and brown – in the autumn. It falls from the trees and people rake them up into piles.

Bear: Hmm, let's see. It grows on trees...leaves grow on trees. And, uh, it changes colors in the fall...leaves also change colors in the fall. And when it gets cold, it falls from the trees and people rake them up into piles. Leaves do that too. Hey, mouse, are you thinking of a leaf?

Mouse: Yes, it is a leaf! Hooray for Bear! Yay!

Bear: Well, thank you for playing with me Mouse. It was fun. But now I have to go hibernate for the winter. See ya in Spring.

Mouse: And I'm going to go play in a pile of leaves. See ya next time!