Why Do Leaves Change Color in Autumn?

The green goes, the gold shows



The Park Turned Gold

Mila crunches down the path. Wait — the whole park turned gold and orange! Yesterday it was green. 'Who painted all the trees?' she wonders.





Little Green Kitchens

All summer, the leaves are green. That is because they are full of green food-color, making yummy food from sunshine — like tiny green kitchens.

TALK ABOUT IT

Why are summer leaves green?

Getting Ready to Rest

But now the days grow short and cool. The tree is getting ready to rest for winter. So it slowly stops making the green. The green begins to fade, like a curtain sliding open.

TALK ABOUT IT

In autumn, the tree stops making green.





Half Green, Half Not

Look at this leaf — half green, half not. When the green slides all the way away, what color do you think will be left?

> **TALK ABOUT IT**
> When the green goes, what will show?

Hiding All Along

Orange and yellow! They were hiding under the green the whole time. The green goes, the gold shows!

TALK ABOUT IT

The orange was hiding under the green.





A Crunchy Leaf Pile

And the bright reds? The tree makes those fresh in autumn, like a little goodbye gift. Mila leaps into a crunchy leaf pile. The green goes, the gold shows!

Check your wonder

1 **Why are summer leaves green?**

A. Full of green food-color

B. Someone painted them

2 **When the green goes away, what shows?**

A. Orange and yellow, hiding

B. New colors the cold painted

ANSWERS 1-A 2-A

1. Yes! Green food-color, like tiny kitchens. 2. Yes! They were hiding under the green all along.

THE END

The green goes, the gold shows

Put your child in this story

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