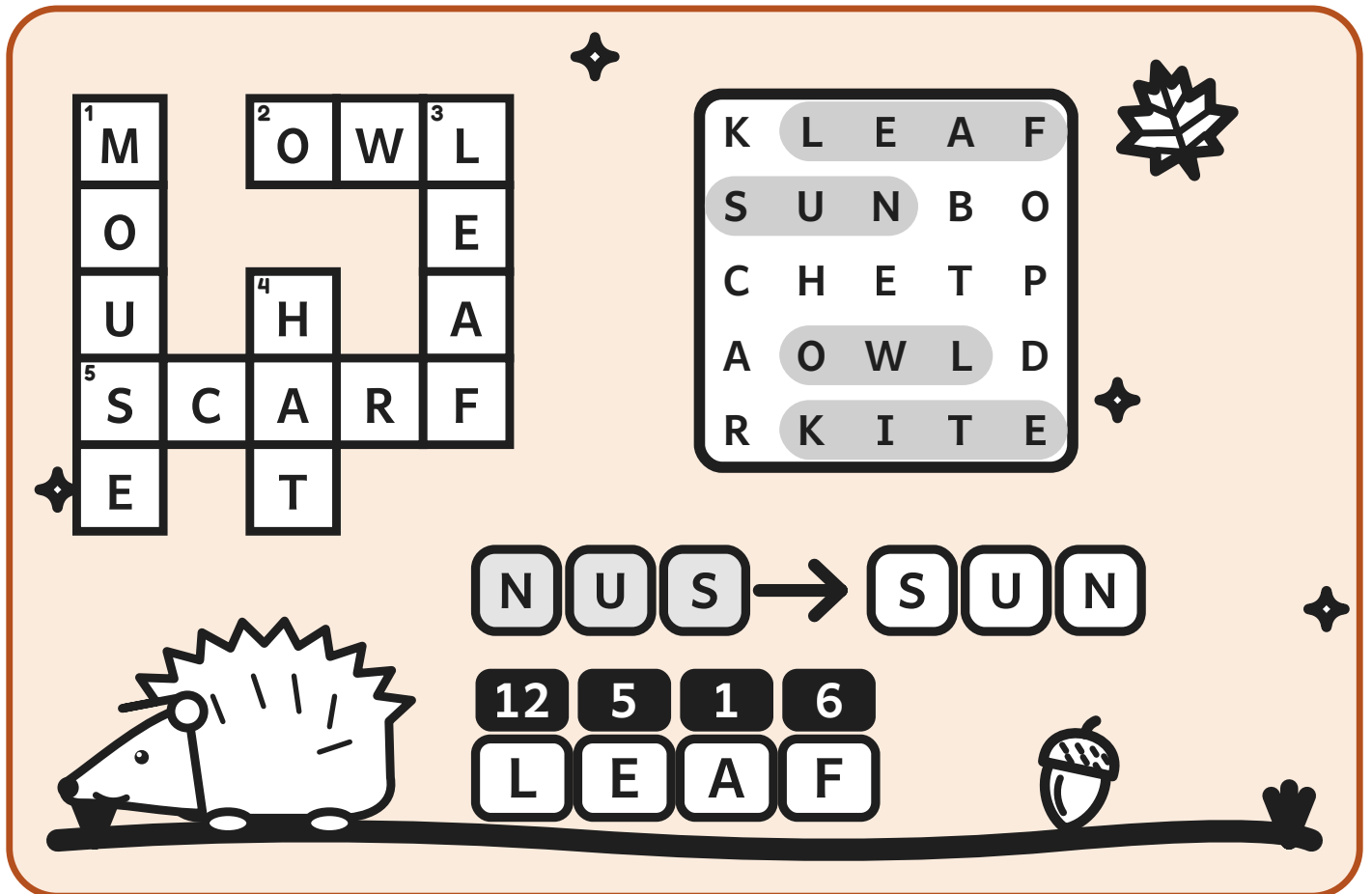


Fall

Crosswords and Word Puzzles

Five cozy word puzzles, each with three levels. Teacher notes and answer keys are included.



1 Autumn Picture Crossword
Picture clues and a word bank

2 Pip's Clue Crossword
Written clues and letter counts

3 Woodland Word Search
Find the hidden words

4 Falling Leaves Scramble
Unscramble the letters

5 Secret Code Jokes
Crack the code, read the joke

6 Teacher notes and answer key
Standards, tips and answers

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Teacher and parent notes

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Hello, and happy fall! These five worksheets are word games: two crosswords, a word search, a word scramble and secret code jokes. Everything is cozy, with acorns, falling leaves, woodland animals and a friendly hedgehog called Pip. Each worksheet has three levels, so one pack suits a mixed-ability class or a family with children of different ages. Pencils ready, word detectives!

With magic, Karyn

What is in the pack

#	Worksheet	☆☆☆ Starter	★★☆ Medium	★★★ Challenge
1	Autumn Picture Crossword	5 picture clues and a word bank.	7 picture clues and a word bank.	9 picture clues, no word bank.
2	Pip's Clue Crossword	5 short clues, letter counts and a word bank.	7 clues with a word bank.	9 longer clues, no word bank.
3	Woodland Word Search	6 words that go across or down, with pictures.	8 words that also slant, with pictures.	10 words in any direction, plus a bonus riddle.
4	Falling Leaves Scramble	Picture, tiles and the first letter given. 3 to 4 letters.	Picture and tiles. 4 to 6 letters.	Longer words (6 to 8 letters), two with a clue only.
5	Secret Code Jokes	Numbers: A is 1, B is 2 and so on.	Letters one step ahead.	Letters three steps ahead.

Choosing a level

Starter has five or six words, big letters and a word bank, and the scramble gives the first letter. Medium has seven or eight words and slanting words in the word search. Challenge has nine or ten words, no word bank in the crosswords, words that can face any way, and longer words to unscramble. Print the level each child needs, or let them try the next star up when they are ready.

Tips for using the worksheets

- **Start together.** Do the first clue with the child: say the word slowly, count its letters, then write it in.
- **Crosswords.** Picture clues can have two names (a hat might be a cap), so use the squares, the crossing letters and the word bank. Gray squares are blocks: nothing goes in them.
- **Word searches.** Scan one row at a time, or hunt for the first letter of a word. Some words may cross and share a letter.
- **Scrambles.** Cross off each tile as it is used. At Challenge, two words have only a clue.
- **The jokes are puns.** Some answers are spelled in a silly way on purpose. Read each answer out loud and enjoy the groan.
- **Pip's tips show a method, not an answer.** Pip, a little hedgehog, uses a different example from the page.
- **Time:** most children finish a worksheet in about 10 to 20 minutes.

Printing and accessibility

Print at 100% ("Actual size", not "Fit to page") on US Letter paper. Black and white is fine. Each worksheet fits on one page, so print just the levels you need. A sharp pencil and an eraser help. The letters are set in Andika, a typeface designed for beginning readers.

Curriculum links

A guide to where each worksheet fits. Each level covers a selection of these skills.

#	Worksheet	US Common Core	England National Curriculum (paraphrased)
1	Autumn Picture Crossword	L.1.2.d, L.1.2.e, L.2.2.d Decoding: RF.1.3, RF.2.3	Year 1: spell words using the phonemes taught so far, and common exception words. Year 2: spell by breaking spoken words into phonemes and choosing the letters that stand for them.
2	Pip's Clue Crossword	L.1.4.a, L.2.4.a, L.1.5.b Spelling: L.1.2.d, L.2.2.d	Years 1 and 2: discuss the meanings of words and link new meanings to words that children already know. Spelling as for the picture crossword.
3	Woodland Word Search	RF.1.3, RF.2.3 Letter patterns: L.1.2.d	Year 1: use phonic knowledge to decode words and read common exception words. Year 2: read words of two or more syllables accurately.
4	Falling Leaves Scramble	L.1.2.d, L.1.2.e, L.2.2.d, L.2.2.e Decoding: RF.1.3, RF.2.3	Year 1: name the letters of the alphabet in order, and spell words using the sounds taught. Year 2: spell by breaking spoken words into sounds, and learn new ways to spell sounds already known.
5	Secret Code Jokes	RF.1.3, L.1.2.d, L.2.2.d Counting on through the alphabet: 1.OA.C.5	Year 1: name the letters of the alphabet in order. Years 1 and 2: read and spell the decoded words accurately.

US codes are Common Core State Standards for English Language Arts, grades 1 and 2 (L = Language, RF = Reading: Foundational Skills), plus one math code (OA = Operations and Algebraic Thinking). Some states use their own standards, so check yours. The England column paraphrases the Year 1 and Year 2 national curriculum for English (ages 5 to 7); please check the exact wording on gov.uk before quoting it in a plan.

Supporting and stretching

To support

- Work as a pair. One child reads the clue and the other writes the word.
- Use the Starter word bank, and let children cross off each word as they use it.
- For a word search, cover most of the grid with a sheet of paper and slide it down one row at a time.

To stretch

- Ask children to write their own clue for one answer, then swap with a partner.
- Ask children to make a scramble or a code for a friend, for example by moving every letter two steps ahead.
- Find the longest and the shortest answers on a page. What do you notice?

Ideas for talking about the words

- Which picture was the hardest to name? What made it tricky?
- Which fall word would you like to use in a story? Say a sentence with it.

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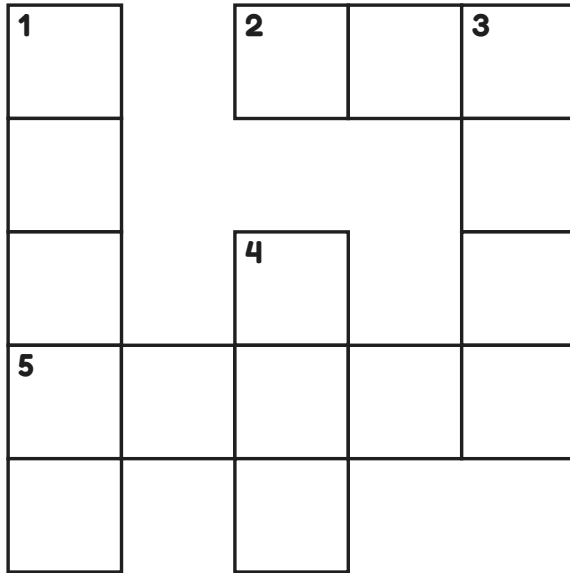
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Autumn Picture Crossword

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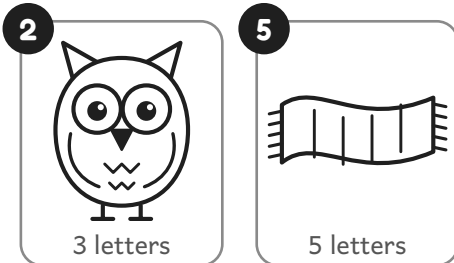
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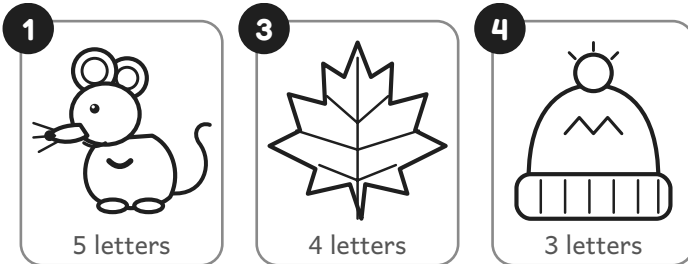
Word bank

HAT
LEAF
MOUSE
OWL
SCARF

Across →



Down ↓



PIP'S TIP

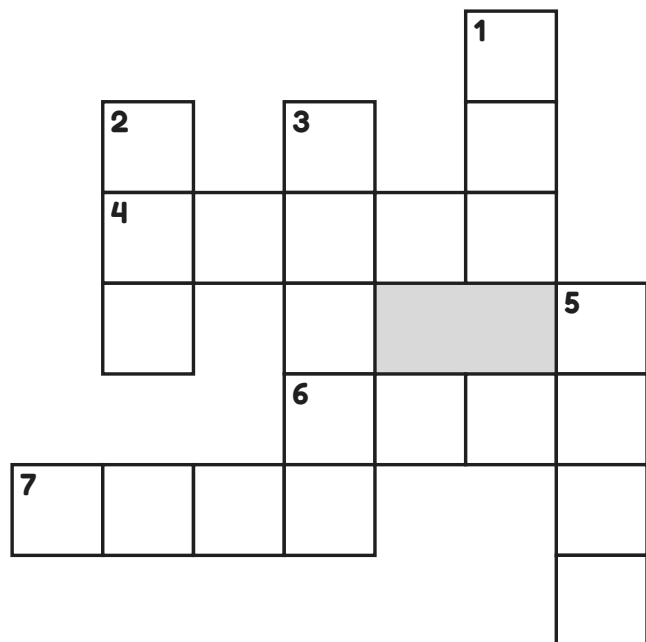
Pick a word from the word bank. Count its letters. Do they fit the squares? Then write it in.



Autumn Picture Crossword

Name _____ Date _____

Look at each picture. Write its name in the squares. Use the word bank to help you.



Word bank

ACORN

HAT

KITE

MOUSE

STAR

SUN

TREE

Across →

4



5 letters

6



4 letters

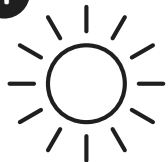
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4 letters

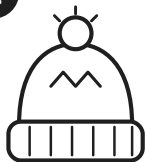
Down ↓

1



3 letters

2



3 letters

3



5 letters

5



4 letters



PIP'S TIP

Squares where two words cross hold one letter that belongs to both words. Use them to check your answers.

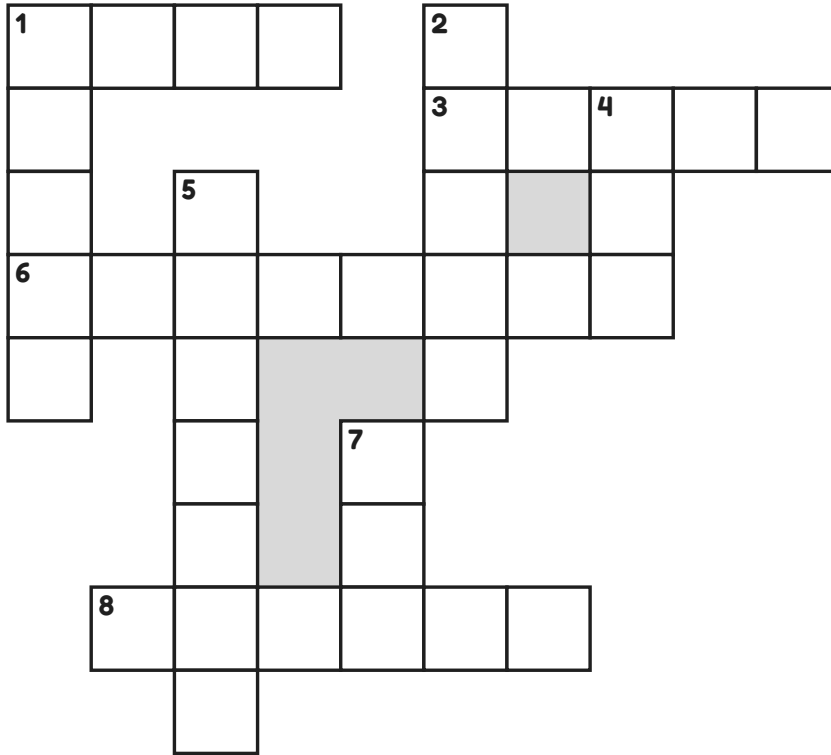


Autumn Picture Crossword

Name _____

Date _____

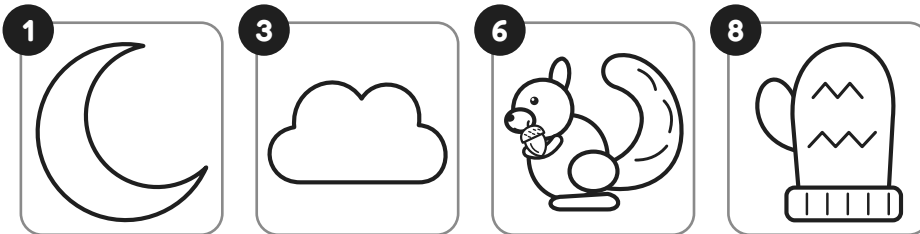
Look at each picture. Write its name in the squares. Count the squares to check!



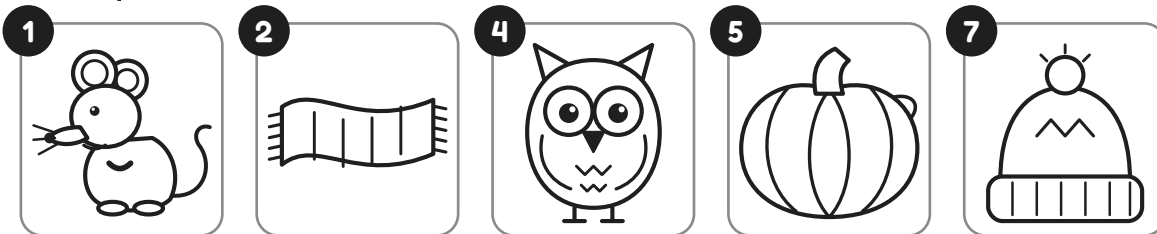
PIP'S TIP

No word bank this time! Write in the word you are surest about first. Its letters can help you with the words that cross it.

Across →



Down ↓





Pip's Clue Crossword

Name _____ Date _____

Read each clue. Write the answer in the squares. Use the word bank to help you.

1			2	
				3

Word bank

HAT
KITE
NEST
SOCK
SUN

Across →

- 1 You wear it on your foot, inside your shoe. (4)
- 4 A bird's home made of twigs. (4)

Down ↓

- 1 It shines in the sky in the daytime. (3)
- 2 It flies high on a string when the wind blows. (4)
- 3 You wear it on your head to keep warm. (3)



PIP'S TIP

Read the clue slowly. The number in brackets tells you how many letters the word has. Cross each word off the bank when you use it.

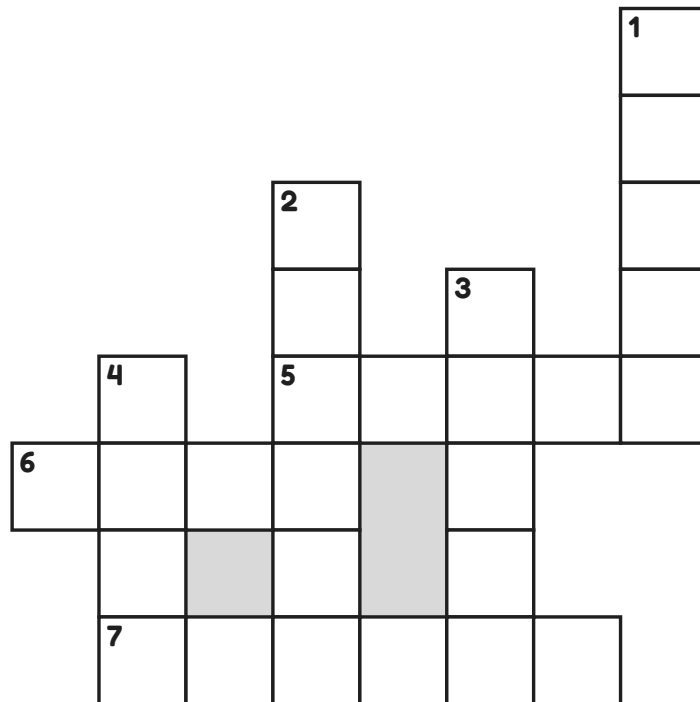


Pip's Clue Crossword

Name _____

Date _____

Read each clue. Write the answer in the squares. Use the word bank to help you.

**Word bank****CLOUD****FIELD****JACKET****MITTEN****MOUSE****WALK****WARM****Across →**

- 5** A fluffy white shape in the sky. Rain falls from it. (5)
- 6** To move along on your feet. (4)
- 7** A cover for your hand with a thumb but no separate fingers. (6)

Down ↓

- 1** A big, open space of grass or crops. (5)
- 2** A short coat with sleeves and a zipper. You wear it when it is chilly. (6)
- 3** A tiny animal with a long tail, big ears and whiskers. (5)
- 4** The opposite of cool. A snug blanket feels like this. (4)

**PIP'S TIP**

Look for the word that fits the meaning and the number of letters. If two words could fit, check the squares that cross.

Pip's Clue Crossword

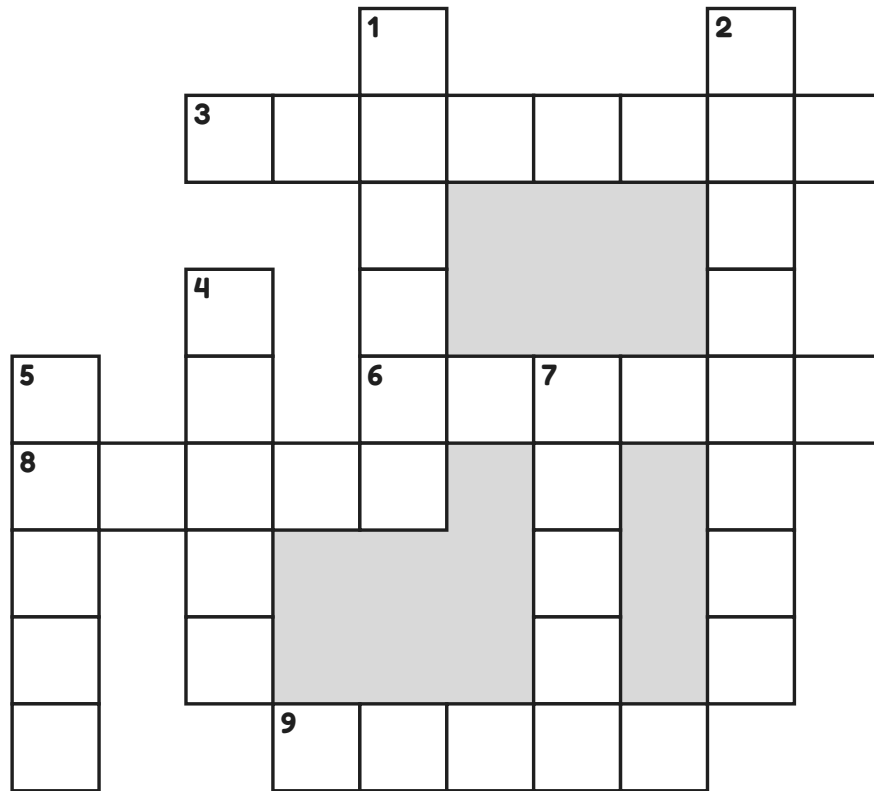


★★★ Challenge

Name _____

Date _____

Read each clue. Write the answer in the squares.



PIP'S TIP

The number in brackets is the number of letters. Try the short words first. Their letters help with the words that cross them.

Across →

- 3 It has a big bushy tail and hides seeds in the ground for the winter. (8)
- 6 A warm cover for your hand. Your four fingers share one space. (6)
- 8 A small brown seed with a little cap. It grows into a big oak. (5)
- 9 Farmers plant seeds in this big, open piece of land. (5)

Down ↓

- 1 Another name for the season called fall. (6)
- 2 A little animal with spines that curls up into a prickly ball. (8)
- 4 It floats high in the sky and can be white or gray. (5)
- 5 To make a "ha ha" sound. (5)
- 7 People hike along this narrow path through the woods or hills. (5)



Woodland Word Search

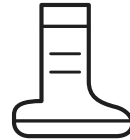
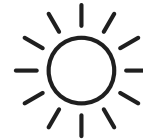
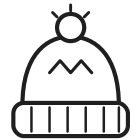
Name _____ Date _____

Find the 6 words. They go across or down. Circle each word, then tick its box.

L	C	Y	S	U	N	L	O
P	W	B	O	O	T	U	E
R	L	E	A	F	A	K	A
B	M	E	F	H	O	I	U
H	B	N	C	O	F	T	I
A	U	M	U	A	N	E	T
T	H	U	U	K	S	R	S
K	U	H	A	C	O	R	N


☐ LEAF

☐ ACORN

☐ KITE

☐ BOOT

☐ SUN

☐ HAT


PIP'S TIP

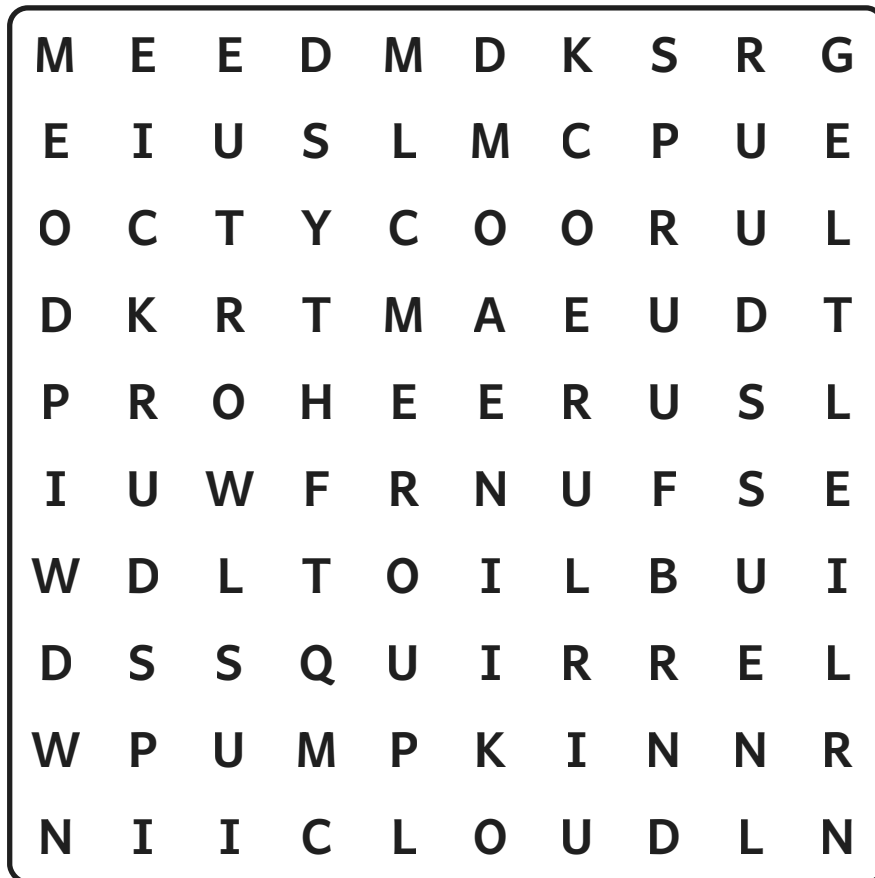
Run your finger along each row, then down each column. When you see the first letter of a word, check the letters after it.



Woodland Word Search

Name _____ Date _____

Find the 8 words. They can slant, too! Circle each word, then tick its box.

☐ SCARF☐ MITTEN☐ MOUSE☐ CLOUD☐ TREE☐ SQUIRREL☐ PUMPKIN☐ OWL**PIP'S TIP**

Words can slant, too! Look for the first letter of a word, then check the letters next to it in every direction.



Woodland Word Search

Name _____ Date _____

Find the 10 words. They go **any way**, even backward! Circle each and tick its box.

C	L	O	U	D	G	S	Y	S	F	A	I
A	C	F	I	E	L	D	M	D	K	K	T
F	P	U	M	P	K	I	N	C	I	A	Y
G	L	L	I	L	I	A	R	T	U	F	H
M	O	F	E	O	F	L	H	T	J	R	S
D	I	H	I	F	T	B	U	U	A	A	Q
G	F	T	E	D	U	M	E	E	C	C	U
M	A	U	T	G	N	P	E	C	K	S	I
O	E	M	A	E	D	D	C	D	E	M	R
I	L	C	Y	S	N	E	F	L	T	U	R
B	G	M	S	L	E	H	H	T	O	N	E
D	T	N	N	H	E	E	O	R	F	R	L

- ☐ HEDGEHOG ☐ SQUIRREL ☐ PUMPKIN ☐ AUTUMN ☐ JACKET
☐ MITTEN ☐ TRAIL ☐ FIELD ☐ CLOUD ☐ SCARF

Bonus riddle: It grows on a tree and turns red, orange or yellow in fall.



PIP'S TIP

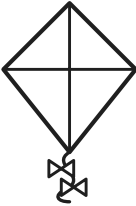
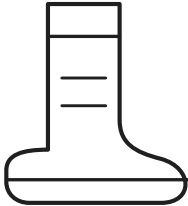
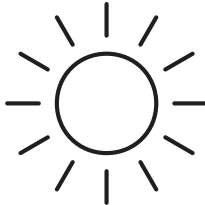
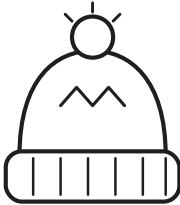
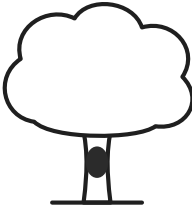
Words can face any way, even backward. Read the bonus riddle, too. Its answer is hidden in the puzzle, but it is not on the list!



Falling Leaves Scramble

Name _____ Date _____

Unscramble the letters to spell each word. The first letter is done for you.

1		E T I
		K
2		T O O
		B
3		N U
		S
4		T A
		H
5		E R E
		T
6		L W
		O


PIP'S TIP

Look at the picture first and say its name in your head. Then check that the letters on the tiles match.

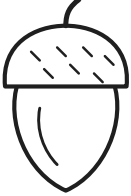


Falling Leaves Scramble

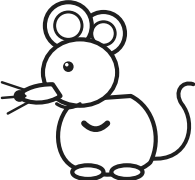
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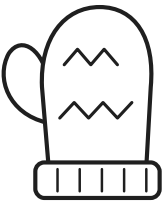
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Unscramble the letters to spell the word in each picture. Write it in the boxes.

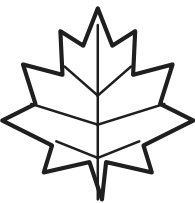
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2  S R C A F

3  S E O M U

4  T E N T M I

5  U D C O L

6  L F E A


PIP'S TIP

Say the name of the picture out loud. Cross off each tile as you use it.

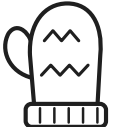


Falling Leaves Scramble

Name _____ Date _____

Unscramble each word. Use the pictures and clues to help. Write it in the boxes.

Part A · Picture words

1		E	L	R	S	R	U	I	Q
2		E	H	G	H	O	D	G	E
3		M	K	U	P	N	P	I	
4		N	M	T	E	I	T		

Part B · Clue words

5	N	T	A	U	M	U	The season after summer, when leaves change color.
6	T	J	E	K	C	A	A warm coat that zips up.



PIP'S TIP

Start with the pictures. Then use each clue and the letters to work out the word. Cross off each tile as you use it.



Secret Code Jokes

Name _____ Date _____

Crack the code! Find each number on the strip. Write the letter below it.

Number	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Letter	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M

Number	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
Letter	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z

1 What has a thumb but no fingers?

1	13	9	20	20	5	14

2 How do hedgehogs give hugs?

3	1	18	5	6	21	12	12	25

3 What kind of tree fits in your hand?

1	16	1	12	13



PIP'S TIP

Do one letter at a time. Find the number on the dark row, then look at the letter just below it. Go slowly and check each one.



Secret Code Jokes

Name _____ Date _____

Crack the code! Each code letter is one step ahead. Write the real letters.

Code letter	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M
Real letter	Z	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L

Code letter	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z
Real letter	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y

1 What did the tree say to the wind?

M	F	B	G	N	F	B	M	P	O	F

2 What goes up when the rain comes down?

B	O	V	N	C	S	F	M	M	B

3 What do you call a bear in the rain?

B	E	S	J	A	A	M	Z	C	F	B	S

**PIP'S TIP**

Find the code letter on the dark row. The real letter is just below it. Do one word at a time.



Secret Code Jokes

Name _____ Date _____

Crack the code! Every letter moved three steps ahead. Write the real letters.

Code letter	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M
Real letter	X	Y	Z	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J

Code letter	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z
Real letter	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W

1 How do trees get on the computer?

W	K	H	B	O	R	J	L	Q

2 What is brown and sticky?

D	V	W	L	F	N

3 What did one leaf say to the other in the fall?

L	D	P	I	D	O	O	L	Q	J	I	R	U

B	R	X



PIP'S TIP

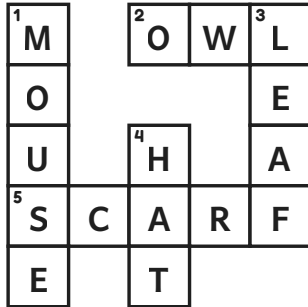
Find the code letter on the dark row. The real letter is just below it. Read your answer out loud to check that it makes sense!

Answer key

For teachers and parents. Crossword and word-search answers are shown on the grids. The jokes are puns, so some answers are spelled in a silly way on purpose.

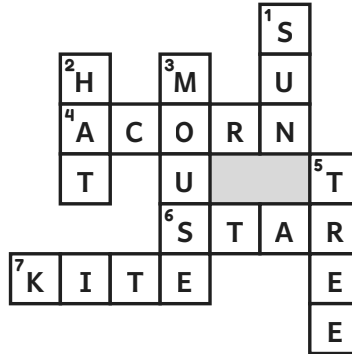
Worksheet 1 · Autumn Picture Crossword

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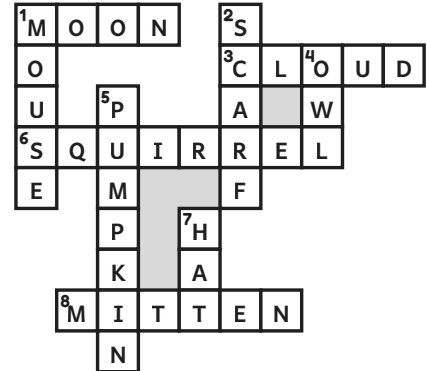
Across: 2 OWL 5 SCARF
Down: 1 MOUSE 3 LEAF 4 HAT

☆☆☆ Medium



Across: 4 ACORN 6 STAR 7 KITE
Down: 1 SUN 2 HAT 3 MOUSE
5 TREE

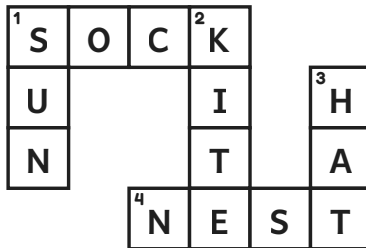
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Across: 1 MOON 3 CLOUD
6 SQUIRREL 8 MITTEN
Down: 1 MOUSE 2 SCARF 4 OWL
5 PUMPKIN 7 HAT

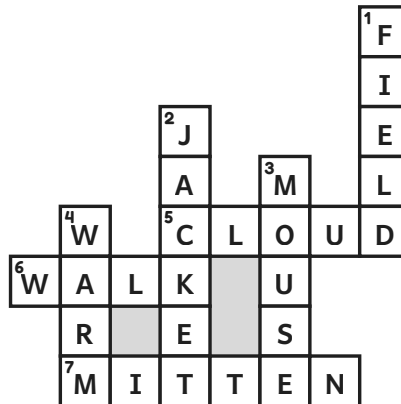
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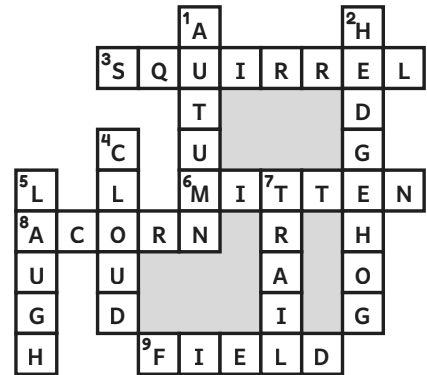
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Down: 1 SUN 2 KITE 3 HAT

☆☆☆ Medium



Across: 5 CLOUD 6 WALK
7 MITTEN
Down: 1 FIELD 2 JACKET 3 MOUSE
4 WARM

☆☆☆ Challenge



Across: 3 SQUIRREL 6 MITTEN
8 ACORN 9 FIELD
Down: 1 AUTUMN 2 HEDGEHOG
4 CLOUD 5 LAUGH 7 TRAIL

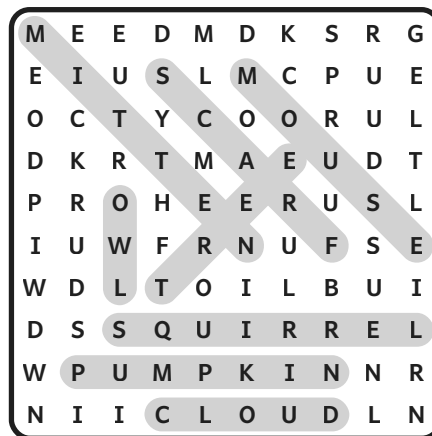
Worksheet 3 • Woodland Word Search

☆☆☆ Starter



LEAF ACORN KITE BOOT SUN
HAT

☆☆☆ Medium



SCARF MITTEN MOUSE CLOUD
TREE SQUIRREL PUMPKIN OWL

☆☆☆ Challenge



HEDGEHOG SQUIRREL PUMPKIN
AUTUMN JACKET MITTEN
TRAIL FIELD CLOUD SCARF
Bonus riddle: **LEAF** (dashed outline)

Worksheet 4 • Falling Leaves Scramble

☆☆☆ Starter Picture words with the first letter given

1. KITE 2. BOOT 3. SUN 4. HAT 5. TREE 6. OWL

☆☆☆ Medium Picture words

1. ACORN 2. SCARF 3. MOUSE 4. MITTEN 5. CLOUD 6. LEAF

☆☆☆ Challenge Picture words and clue words

Part A 1. SQUIRREL 2. HEDGEHOG 3. PUMPKIN 4. MITTEN

Part B 5. AUTUMN 6. JACKET

Worksheet 5 • Secret Code Jokes

☆☆☆ Starter Number code (A = 1 ... Z = 26)

1. What has a thumb but no fingers? **A MITTEN**
2. How do hedgehogs give hugs? **CAREFULLY**
3. What kind of tree fits in your hand? **A PALM**

☆☆☆ Medium Letters one step ahead

1. What did the tree say to the wind? **LEAF ME ALONE**
2. What goes up when the rain comes down? **AN UMBRELLA**
3. What do you call a bear in the rain? **A DRIZZLY BEAR**

☆☆☆ Challenge Letters three steps ahead

1. How do trees get on the computer? **THEY LOG IN**
2. What is brown and sticky? **A STICK**
3. What did one leaf say to the other in the fall? **I AM FALLING FOR YOU**