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Level 4 – 6th October, 2020

Dry weather affecting autumn leaves colours

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Please try Levels 5 and 6. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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The changing colour of autumn leaves is a spectacular event in forests worldwide. The colours form a colourful canvas that ends summer. In the USA, the leaves have been affected by drought. This has dulled the colours of the leaves. Much of America's northwest has had weather that did not produce colourful leaves. The traditional autumnal beauty spots of Massachusetts and New Hampshire are experiencing duller colours.

A forest and ecology professor explained why this year has been so bad. He said there were several factors, including mild drought, warm days and cool nights. He said the colours came two weeks earlier than normal, "and will probably go by fast and furiously". The weather created "physiological stress for the trees". The professor warned: "The stress is not a good thing and may be a harbinger of things to come with climate change."

NOTE: The word "autumn" is UK English; in USA English it is "fall".

Sources: <https://edition.cnn.com/2020/10/03/weather/drought-hindering-fall-foliage-saturday/index.html>
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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|--------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. The changing colour | a. spots |
| 2. a spectacular | b. colourful canvas |
| 3. The colours form a | c. the colours |
| 4. leaves have been affected | d. northwest |
| 5. This has dulled | e. of autumn leaves |
| 6. America's | f. leaves |
| 7. produce colourful | g. event |
| 8. traditional autumnal beauty | h. by drought |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. A forest and | a. were several factors |
| 2. why this year has | b. stress |
| 3. He said there | c. things to come |
| 4. mild | d. earlier than normal |
| 5. the colours came two weeks | e. furiously |
| 6. go by fast and | f. ecology professor |
| 7. physiological | g. drought |
| 8. a harbinger of | h. been so bad |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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The (1) _____ autumn leaves is a spectacular event in forests worldwide. The colours form (2) _____ that ends summer. In the USA, the leaves have been (3) _____. This has (4) _____ of the leaves. Much of America's northwest has had weather that did not produce colourful leaves. The traditional (5) _____ of Massachusetts and New Hampshire are (6) _____.

A (7) _____ professor explained why this year has been so bad. He said there (8) _____, including mild drought, warm days and cool nights. He said the colours came two weeks earlier than normal, "and will probably go (9) _____ furiously". The weather created "physiological (10) _____ trees". The professor warned: "The stress is not a good thing and may be (11) _____ things to (12) _____ change."

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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AUTUMN LEAVES SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about autumn leaves in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper. When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

d) _____

e) _____

f) _____

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WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student B: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

d) _____

e) _____

f) _____

