

READING COMPREHENSION PRACTICE

Reading Comprehension

Read the given story and answer the questions that follow.

Winter Quilt

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After the snow falls, a gray squirrel peeks out of a hole in an oak tree. He climbs up the tree's trunk. Snow slips off as he leaps across a big branch. A brown leaf hangs from a twig above him. The squirrel stretches on his hind legs, grabs the leaf, and crumples it into his mouth.

Reaching up, he pulls off one leaf after another.

Soon the squirrel's mouth can hold no more leaves. He dashes across the branch and dives down into his hole.

Another squirrel peeks out of the hole. She climbs up the other side of the trunk and runs across a skinny branch. The branch bounces up and down while she pulls off leaves. She stuffs the leaves into her mouth, then brings them back to the nest hole.



All morning the two squirrels carry oak leaves to their nest. The snow begins to fall again. A cold wind blows. Snow swirls around the oak tree. The two squirrels snuggle, safe and warm in their blanket of leaves.



Answer the following questions.

- 1 What is the weather like in the story? Describe it in a few sentences.

Two horizontal lines for writing the answer to question 1.

- 2 What is the gray squirrel doing with so many leaves?

Two horizontal lines for writing the answer to question 2.

- 3 What does the gray squirrel do when it can no longer fit more leaves in its mouth?

Two horizontal lines for writing the answer to question 3.

- 4 Make a sentence using the word *snuggle*.

Two horizontal lines for writing the answer to question 4.

