

READING PRACTICE: WINTER QUILT

Reading Comprehension

Read the given story and solve the worksheet that follows.

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.



Read the questions and mark the correct answer.

1 The story "Winter Quilt" is about

_____.

- a. two squirrels making a warm quilt with leaves for winter.
- b. two squirrels playing in the snow.
- c. two squirrels sleeping through the winter.

2 How do the squirrels carry the collected leaves to their nest hole?

- a. The squirrels crumple and stuff the leaves in their mouth.
- b. The squirrels carry the leaves in their hands.
- c. The squirrels collect all the leaves on a branch.

3 *All morning the two squirrels carry oak leaves to their nest.* What does this sentence tell us about the squirrels?

- a. The squirrels are working hard to make their nest warm.
- b. The squirrels enjoy the winter.
- c. The squirrels are not feeling cold.

4 Select a suitable title for this story.

- a. The Leaf Quilt
- b. Summer is Here
- c. The Playful Squirrels

