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Reading: Why Leaves Change Color

Grade 3 Nonfiction. Read the text. Then answer the questions.

Why Leaves Change Color

In summer, leaves look green because they are full of chlorophyll. Chlorophyll helps a tree make food from sunlight. In fall, the days get shorter and cooler, and the tree stops making chlorophyll. The green fades away. Now we can see the yellow and orange colors that were hiding inside the leaves all summer. Soon the leaves fall to the ground.

Circle the best answer for questions 1 to 3.

1. What is the main idea of this text?

A. Trees need water.
B. Leaves change color in fall because the green fades.
C. Fall is a cold season.

2. What does chlorophyll do?

A. It makes leaves fall.
B. It helps a tree make food from sunlight.
C. It makes leaves yellow.

3. In this text, the word fades means...

A. grows bigger
B. slowly goes away
C. turns very bright

4. Why do leaves look green in summer?

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