



Red and orange leaves covered the ground. As you kicked the leaves you could hear something. “Squeak! Please don’t squash me.” said a tiny voice.

You crouched down and made a hole in the leaves. A little, white mouse peeped out. He looked afraid. “I was looking for my winter nuts but got lost in all these leaves,” he said. You told the mouse that you were looking for the missing clock.

“Well perhaps we can help each other,” squeaked the mouse. You smiled at your new friend.

1 What covered the ground?

2 What did you do to find the mouse?

3 Find **two** words that describe the mouse.



“I know where the clock is. Follow me,” said the mouse. The air became chilly as you walked inside the forest. The golden leaves tumbled around in the cool breeze. Ripe, sweet apples had fallen onto the carpet of leaves.

Feeling hungry, you picked up an apple and took a huge bite. After taking another bite, you could see something. It was small and white. It was wriggling inside your apple. You threw the apple as far as you could, deep into the forest.

4 Draw a line to match each object to the words that describe it.

leaves

apples

air

chilly

ripe and sweet

golden

5 Why did you throw your apple into the forest?



“We’re here!” squeaked the mouse. You stood under the tall, oak tree. The clock was hidden in the bird’s nest, up on the highest branch.

“Watch this,” squeaked the mouse. He raced up the tree with great speed and pushed the nest off the branch. You cupped your hands together, ready to catch it. A gust of wind spun the nest round and round, into the air. As you chased after the nest, you felt a snowflake fall on your cheek. “Oh, no. It’s too soon for winter!” squeaked the mouse.

6 What did the mouse do to help get the clock back?

7 Why did you not catch the nest?

8 Why did the mouse not want winter to come ‘*too soon*’?
