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Leafy Inspiration

Get inspired by autumn leaves.

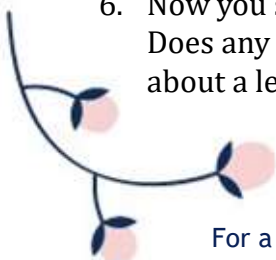


I love autumn! Autumn leaves are particularly inspiring: there are so many shapes and colours.

Why not use find some leaves and use them as story inspiration?

This one looks like some bright red lips to me! It could inspire a story about a clown, or a model, or a chatterbox!

- 1. Find your leaf or leaves.** Find as many different shapes and colours as you can. Pick a favourite or two. Either bring them back into your classroom/house to work from, or take photos.
- 2. Choose your favourite leaf.** Take a whiteboard or scrap paper and describe your leaf in as much detail as you can. What colour is it? Be specific. Not just red, but bright red or scarlet. What shape? Is it curled up or flat? Use a dictionary or thesaurus to find some lovely new descriptive words.
- 3. What does it remind you of?** Again, be specific, e.g as red as a postbox, discarded like an old shoe. You could even make some an alliterative sentence, e.g. curled up like a comfortable caterpillar.
4. Take your answer to question 3. **Who might own an object like that?** E.g. the old shoe/postbox?
5. Take your answer to question 4. **Could this person have a problem?** What would their problem be?
6. Now you should have lots of different notes on your scrap paper/whiteboard. Does any of this **spark a story idea?** Remember, your story probably won't be about a leaf! The leaf prompted the idea but you've moved on...



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