Autumn Leaves

The autumn leaves show the passing of time
with the colours of the season.
Turning to orange, red and gold like flames
then falling to the ground below.

The first leaf lets go of its branch and falls
bobbing up and down on the wind,
like a boat on the water as it sails
softly down to the ground below.

This is the first of many leaves to shed
from the trees preparing to sleep.
More flutter through the air like confetti
as they float to the ground below.

Their new bright colours dancing on the breeze
shining in the sun as they move
and glide gently down and around the tree.
Then settle on the ground below.

Now the tree stands bare without any leaves.
Its branches look cold and lonely.
A carpet of colours vivid and crisp
lies so still on the ground below.

Questions

1. Which words are used to describe the colours of the autumn leaves? Tick one.

   ◯ orange, red and gold like fire
   ◯ orange, red and yellow like flames
   ◯ orange, red and gold like flames
   ◯ orange, red and yellow like fire

2. Number these lines in the order that they are written in the poem.

   ☐ Its branches look cold and lonely.
   ☐ like a boat on the water as it sails
   ☐ This is the first of many leaves to shed

3. Circle **one** word that shows that the leaves are moving.

Their new bright colours dancing on the breeze

4. Look at the last verse of the poem. Find and copy **one** word that means the same as 'chilly'.

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5. Fill in the missing word.

   Now the tree stands _____ without any leaves.

Answers

1. Which words are used to describe the colours of the autumn leaves? Tick one.

   - ◯ orange, red and gold like fire
   - ◯ orange, red and yellow like flames
   - ✓ **orange, red and gold like flames**
   - ◯ orange, red and yellow like fire

2. Number these lines in the order that they are written in the poem.

   - [3] Its branches look cold and lonely.
   - [1] like a boat on the water as it sails
   - [2] This is the first of many leaves to shed

3. Circle **one** word that shows that the leaves are moving.

   Their new bright colours ***dancing*** *on the breeze*

   Award 1 mark for:

   dancing

4. Look at the last verse of the poem. Find and copy **one** word that means the same as 'chilly'.

   cold

5. Fill in the missing word.

   Now the tree stands **bare** without any leaves.