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## 9. Gathering Leaves. Robert Frost.

### Illustration:



### II Keywords:

1. leaves

6. Earth

2. Autumn

7. crop

3. rustling

8. cycle

4. Heaps

9. collecting

5. pale

10. tiredness.

### III Synonyms:-

1. rustling - crackling sound made by leaves.

2. elude - escape

3. embrace - hug.

IV Antonyms:

1. Pale x vibrant
2. tiredness x energy
3. useless x useful
4. falling x growing

V Homophones:

1. Pale - fail
2. Heaps - hips

VI Answer the following questions with reference to context.

Next to nothing for use.  
But a crop is a crop,  
And who's to say where  
The harvest shall stop?

1. What is the meaning of 'nothing for use'?

The phrase 'nothing for use' here refers to the leaves which are not of much use now since they have fallen and grown pale.

2. What is the meaning of 'a crop is a crop'?

The speaker says a 'crop is a crop' for he tries to build a positive tone and reminds us to keep in mind the utility of the green leaves and not just see the same leaves as useless, as spring and autumn are complementary to each other.



3. What emotion does the speaker feel in the last two lines?

The speaker displays the emotion of tiredness as the process of collecting dried leaves is a task and will never stop as the process will repeat as a cycle every year.

VII Answer the following:

1. What makes the rustling noise?

The dried leaves that the speaker collects make a rustling noise.

2. How do the leaves behave when the speaker tries to gather them?

The leaves flow from the heaps over the speaker's arms and into his face.

3. What makes the colour of the leaves change?

The contact of leaves with the earth makes them go duller and pale.

4. Which season does the poem talk about?

The poem talks about the autumn season when the trees shed their leaves.

5. What does the speaker mean when he says, 'The harvest shall stop?'

The speaker talks about the process of collecting leaves and wonders if it would ever stop because it is a cyclic process.

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