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October's Autumn Dance

The autumn trees are shaking out their hair,
dropping bright leaves of orange, gold, and red.
They crunch under your sneakers like potato chips.

The air smells cool, like a giant refrigerator door
has been left wide open.

Pumpkins sit on front porches,
showing off their silly, carved-out smiles,
while squirrels hurry across the grass,
their cheeks stuffed full of acorns.

Pull your cozy sweater tight,
because October is whispering that winter is on the way.



1. *Personification*: In the first stanza, the trees are described as "shaking out their hair." What is the poet actually describing in nature? _____

2. *Simile*: The poet uses two similes (comparisons using like or as) in the poem. Identify both of them. Why do you think the poet compared the leaves to "potato chips" and the cool air to a "refrigerator door"?



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October's Autumn Dance 2

The autumn trees are shaking out their amber hair,
dropping dancing leaves of orange, gold, and red.
They crunch and crackle under your swift sneakers.

The brisk breeze smells cool,
like a frosty fridge door
flung wide open.

Pumpkins proudly sit on porches,
showing off their silly, sunny smiles,
while swift squirrels scamper through the grass,
their cheeks crammed completely full of acorns.



Pull your cozy coat tight,
because October is whispering that winter is on the way.

1. *Alliteration:* The poem has been rewritten to include alliteration. Read the third stanza aloud. Find and write down the line that uses heavy repetition of the "P" sound.

2. *Personification:* In what ways do the pumpkins behave like humans? _____

3. The poet uses the "S" sound to describe the squirrels. How does the quick, sharp "S" sound match the way a squirrel moves? _____
