

NLG NEWS

Apple Picking

As the summer ends, **apples** are just ripe enough to pick! Many people enjoy picking apples as their first **fall** activities. Going apple picking can be a full day event.

If you want to pick your own apples, you have to find somewhere that apples grow like on a **farm** or an **orchard**. Typically, you walk into a **farm stand** and buy tickets to go on a **hayride**. On a hayride, you sit on a platform that is pulled by a tractor that brings you to the apples. The platform is full of hay to make comfortable seats.



On your way to the apples, you may see a **corn maze**. Here you have to find your way from one end of the maze of **corn stalks** to

the next. If you are lucky, there may be a **scare crow** in the maze leading you out.



Once you are near the apples, you may need a **ladder** to climb to the highest apples. Be sure you brought your **basket** to put all your apples in. If you get enough apples, you may be able to make **apple crisp** when you get home!

Before you leave the farm, you could look for **pumpkins** to take home and decorate your house with. After all that work picking apples and pumpkins, you could find some **apple cider doughnuts** to snack on.

Have you ever gone apple picking?

Comprehension Mad Libs

Use the News story to fill in the blanks to correctly answer the comprehension questions. If able, the member can also fill in the Mad Libs spots!

- Picking _____ is a great activity to do in the _____.
What? What?
- You can _____ apples at a farm or an _____.
What? Where?
- To get to the apples you can _____ on a _____.
What? What?
- In a _____ you may find a _____ for a hint to get out.
What? What?
- You can _____ on a _____ to get the high apples.
What? What?
- The perfect _____ after apple picking is _____.
What? What?

Word Bank (use some of these terms to complete the red blanks):

apples	Fall	Apple cider doughnut	Orchard	Corn maze	hayride
scarecrow	ladder	ride	Pick	snack	climb

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Apples



Hayride



Farm



Hay bale



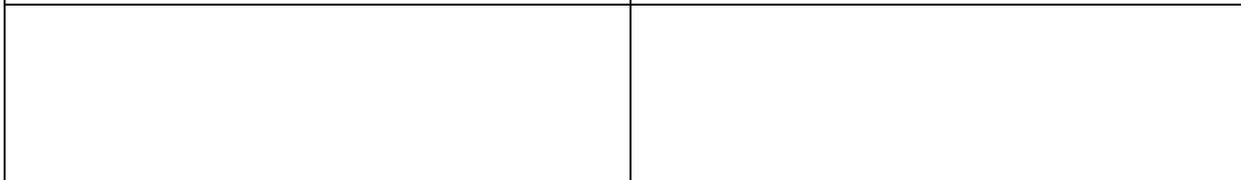
Maze



Scarecrow



Cornstalk





Pumpkin



Cider donut



Apple crisp



Basket



Flannel



Ladder



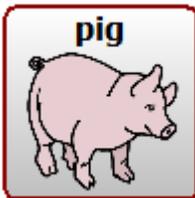
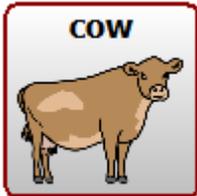
Farm stand



Orchard

Categories

Instructions: Have each member draw a line to match the question with the corresponding picture. If drawing a line is difficult, feel free to encourage members to point to the corresponding picture.



Conversation Starters:

The staff can assist members in having a conversation about the topic. These questions are intended to initiate the conversation, please elaborate to support on topic responses.

What's your favorite fall activity?

Where can you go apple picking around here?

What do you think the weather will be like for apple picking this weekend?

What are your favorite things to do with apples after you pick them?

Which kind of apples are the best?

When is the best time to go apple picking?

What do you like to wear to go apple picking?

Who did you go apple picking with last year?

Journal

On the last day of the week, remind members during journal about the theme this month. Ask the members to name the theme or write/say one thing they learned about the theme this week.

Theme: Apple Picking

Target words: Fall, apples, hayride, farm, hay bales, maze, scare crow, corn stalks, pumpkins, cider, donuts, apple crisp, basket, flannel, ladder, farm stand

Answering Wh- Questions

Instructions: Show a member the picture and talk about what you see. Ask them the corresponding wh- questions, looking for an appropriate answer.



Who is this man? _____

What is he doing? _____

Where is he? _____

When is he picking apples? _____

How many apples does he have? _____

What would you do?

Directions: State the problem and present both solutions verbally. Circle or select the solution that makes the most sense.

Problem	Solution 1	Solution 2
 <p>The seats on the hayride are itchy.</p>	 <p>Jump off of the ride.</p>	 <p>Sit on a sweatshirt.</p>
 <p>You can't find any good apples to pick.</p>	 <p>Go home.</p>	 <p>Ask one of the farmers.</p>
 <p>You're cold in the morning but hot in the afternoon.</p>	 <p>Wear a sweatshirt with short sleeves underneath.</p>	 <p>Don't go apple picking.</p>
 <p>You have too many apples to eat.</p>	 <p>Share with your friends.</p>	 <p>Throw them out.</p>

Concepts

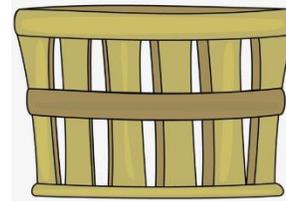
Activity: Discuss the pictures on the page and ask members to select the corresponding answers to the questions that explore basic concepts.



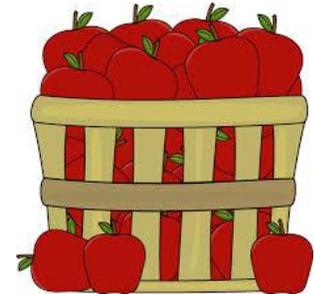
How MANY apples do you see? 2 5 4

BOTH have... Green skin Red skin a leaf

NEITHER have... stems leaves faces



A



B

Which basket is FULL? A B

Which basket has LESS? A B

They BOTH are... tan red green

5 Pictures:

Draw, find on device, cut out a picture, find a picture on the internet, etc. related to the topic. You can use the word bank or think of different words on your own!

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