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**Instructions:** Read each question carefully and choose the best answer.

1. Why did the author write this book?
  - Ⓐ to entertain
  - Ⓑ to inform
  - Ⓒ to persuade
2. What causes leaves to change color?
  - Ⓐ Leaves store food for the winter because the leaves will fall off the branches.
  - Ⓑ Ice, rain, and snow cause photosynthesis, which makes the leaves change color.
  - Ⓒ Leaves stop making a green chemical, lose their green color, and other colors start to show.
3. Listen to this sentence: *The leaves **change** color in the fall.* The word **change** means to become \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Ⓐ different
  - Ⓑ green
  - Ⓒ smarter
4. What is the effect of trees dropping their leaves before winter?
  - Ⓐ Trees must rely on their stored food to survive the cold days and nights.
  - Ⓑ Trees use photosynthesis to create new leaves to grow on the branches.
  - Ⓒ Trees have no protection against the cold and are injured by winter.
5. What does the picture on page 6 help readers to understand about how a leaf makes food?
  - Ⓐ It shows how a leaf changes color in the fall.
  - Ⓑ It shows the amount of food a leaf makes in a year.
  - Ⓒ It shows how the leaf collects sunlight, water, and air.

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**6. Extended Response:** Write two details from the book that are facts and an explanation of how they could be proved. Then, write two opinions about trees or leaves, and explain how you know they are opinions.

Quick Check Answer Sheet

Why Do Leaves Change Color?

Main Comprehension Skill: Cause and Effect

1. **(B)** Author's Purpose
2. **(C)** Cause and Effect
3. **(A)** Vocabulary
4. **(A)** Cause and Effect
5. **(C)** Main Idea and Details
6. Answers will vary. Example:  
*One fact I read in the book is that trees drop their leaves before winter. Another fact I learned is that leaves change colors because they stop making food in the fall. I could prove these facts by reading other books and by observing trees in nature. One opinion I have about leaves is that they are amazing in the way they make food and change colors. Another opinion I have is that trees are prettier in the fall than in the winter. I know these are opinions because they express the way I feel, and other people may disagree.*