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autumn changes at  
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# SCHOLASTIC News

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Hi! I'm  
Harper.

I'm her  
cousin John!

We live  
far apart.

We love to  
write letters.

We can't  
wait to tell you  
about . . .

## Our Favorite Signs of Fall

My name \_\_\_\_\_



# Autumn in Two



Harper

I live in Vermont. It's in the northeastern part of the U.S. Here's what autumn is like here.

October 2, 2021

Dear John,

What's new? This weekend, we went to a fall festival. A festival is a big celebration. I loved seeing the spooky pumpkins in the jack-o'-lantern contest.



jack-o'-lanterns

I sat down to have some trail mix. I put it down for a second. A sneaky squirrel stole some and ran up a tree! Squirrels are all over the place in autumn.



squirrel

My mom let me get a new treat. I got a sticky, sweet candy apple. When I bit into it, my loose tooth fell out! It was a perfect day.



candy apples

Love,  
Harper





John

I live in New Mexico. It's in the southwestern part of the U.S. Here's what autumn is like here.

October 17, 2021

Dear Harper,

That sounds fun! I went to a festival too. It was for hot-air balloons! The sky was filled with big, bright balloons. I wanted to fly in one!



hot-air  
balloons

On our way home, I saw some prairie dogs! They were munching on grass. They were so cute!



prairie  
dogs

Then it was time for dinner. It gets chilly at night here. So we had some chili! I added a lot of spicy green peppers from our garden. My brother and I argue about who likes his chili spicier!



spicy  
peppers

Love,  
John



Look at the map. Follow Harper's letter as it travels to John!

# United States



## Compass Rose



Alaska and Hawaii are not shown on this map.

1. Harper lives in Vermont. Draw a ✓ on that state.

2. John lives in New Mexico. Draw a ♥ on that state.

3. New Mexico is \_\_\_\_\_ of Vermont.

☐ east

☐ west

4. Look at the dotted line on the map. It shows the path the letter took. Which of these states did the letter pass over?

☐ Florida

☐ Missouri

☐ Idaho

5. Which of these states did it NOT pass over?

☐ Kansas

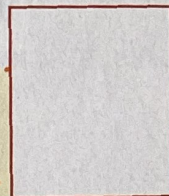
☐ Illinois

☐ California

## ★ Bonus

Harper and John put stamps on their letters.

Draw a stamp you would like to use here. →





Name: \_\_\_\_\_

# Your Favorite Signs of Fall

Fill in the blanks to write a letter to Harper or John about fall where you live.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Dear \_\_\_\_\_,

I hope you are enjoying the fall! During the fall, one of my favorite things to do is \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_.

An animal I always see in autumn is \_\_\_\_\_.

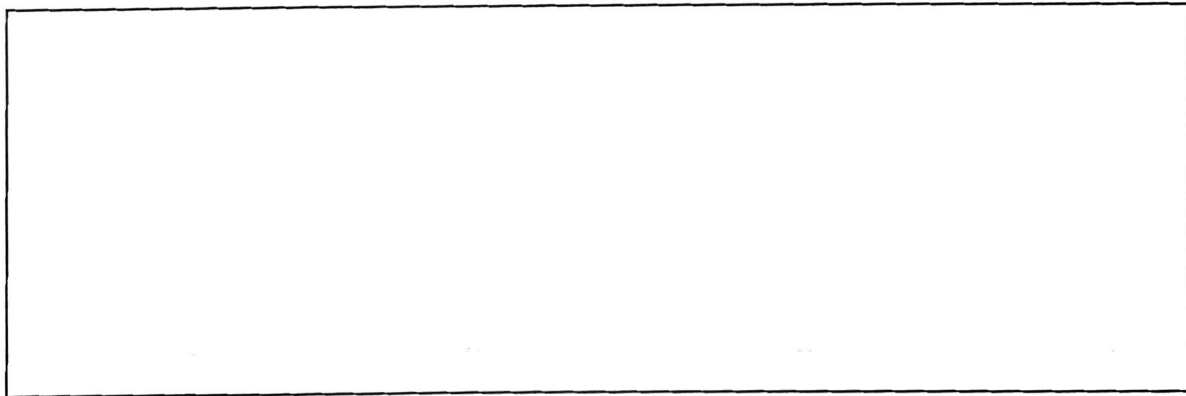
When I see it, I notice that they \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_.

When fall rolls around, I enjoy eating \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_. It tastes so \_\_\_\_\_!

Here is a picture of what fall looks like where I live.



Your friend,

\_\_\_\_\_  
Your name

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

## Word Work

Answer the questions about vocabulary words from your issue of *Scholastic News*.

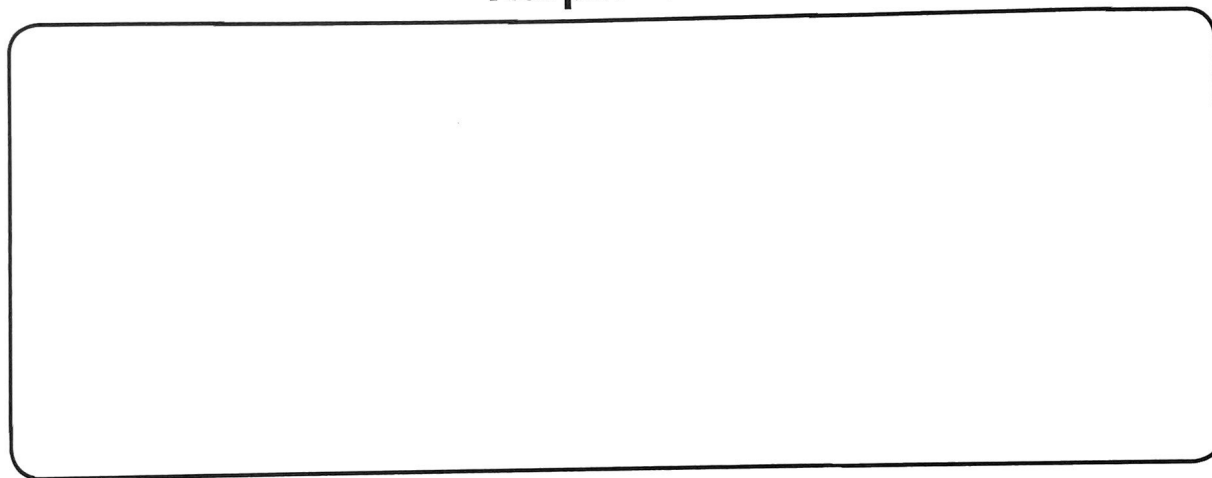
1. Both Harper and John went to fall **festivals**. What is a **festival**?

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2. Draw what Harper and John saw at their fall **festivals**.

**Harper**



**John**

