

Get Curious! Super Seasons

Autumn

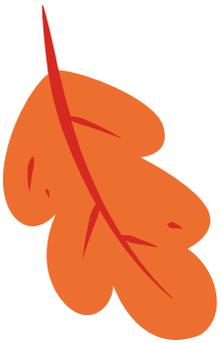
The artist

Walter Richard Sickert was born in 1860 in Munich, Germany. His family moved to London in 1868. He was a painter and printmaker, and was an important influence on distinctively British styles of avant-garde art in the mid and late 20th century. He often painted ordinary people and urban scenes. He died in 1942 in Bath, England



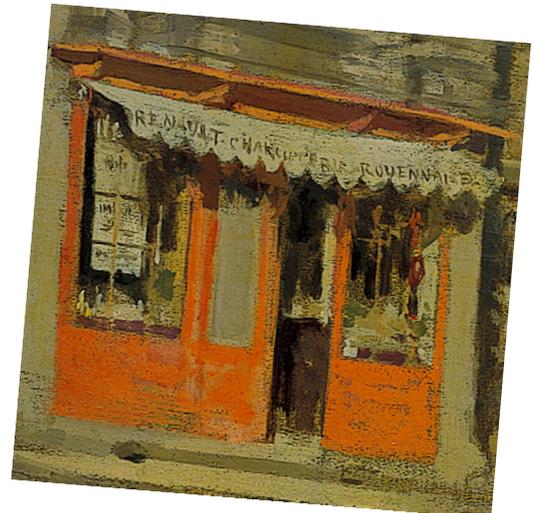
The painting

This painting is called 'The Red Shop (The October Sun)' and was painted in Dieppe in 1888. The French port was popular with British artists and holidaymakers and Sickert spent a great deal of time there. He liked to paint Dieppe's streets and shop fronts. This little scene focuses on a modest delicatessen. The painting is quite dark except for the red shop front brilliantly illuminated by the sun. Sickert first exhibited the painting at the 1889 Universal Exhibition in Paris.



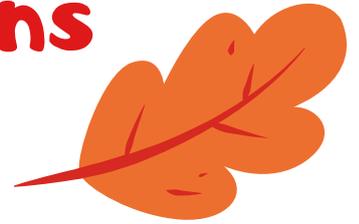
Talk together

- Describe the street scene where the shop stands.
- What things do you think this shop sells?
- If you had a shop, what would you sell?
- What time of day do you think this scene was painted?



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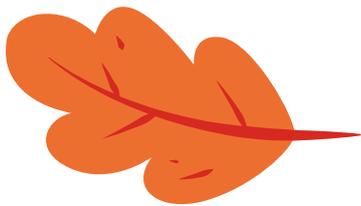
Get counting

In the autumn many trees' leaves turn different colours and fall to the ground.

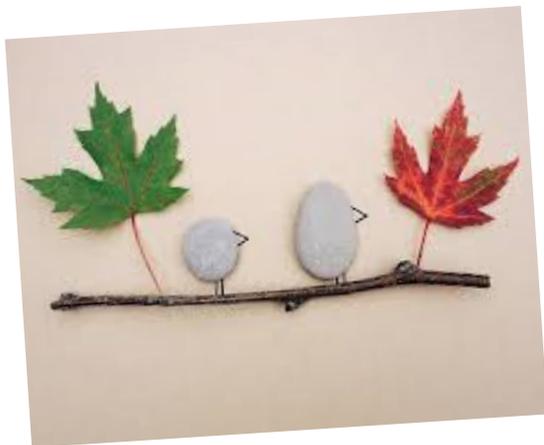
How many green leaves are there in this picture?

How many red leaves?

How many leaves altogether?



Ideas for home



ART: Collect leaves of different colours and shapes and put them together to make your own leaf art with other objects found in nature like sticks and pebbles.

DRAMA: Look at the ways leaves move in the wind. Imagine you are a leaf. Move round the room as if blown by a gentle breeze, a storm, etc.

CRAFT: Place different leaves under paper and rub over the top of them with a crayon to get a leaf rubbing.

MUSIC: Sing 'All the Leaves Are Falling Down' to the tune of 'London Bridge Is Falling Down'.

