

# Enchanted Forest



9 Ancient, gnarled oak trees gaze down upon the maze  
17 of glittered pathways that weave around them; their  
25 knotted, tangled limbs reach over the forest floor.  
33 Twisting and turning in every direction, each path  
37 mysteriously shifts its shape.

44 Across springy moss carpets, fallen crimson and  
53 tangerine leaves pave a mosaic floor. Pitted fungi peep  
61 out from behind tree stumps; their curved, speckled  
69 surfaces glisten with fresh dewdrops of pixie tears.  
77 Dandelion seeds (which shimmer in the daylight) fly  
86 like fairy dust through the whispering breeze in the  
89 sunbeam-filled glade.

98 In the distance, a gentle harmony of tinkling bells  
104 complements the melody of harmonious birdsong.  
111 Butterflies flutter among the fragrant, wild blooms  
120 and the hypnotic buzz of bees jiggles the air.

## Quick Questions



1. Name two sounds that can be heard in the forest.

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2. What season do you think it is and why?

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## Answers



1. Name two sounds that can be heard in the forest.

**Accept two of the following responses:**

**bells, birdsong, bees buzzing.**



2. What season do you think it is and why?

**Pupils' own responses, such as: I think that it is autumn because there are fallen leaves on the forest floor.**



3. Find and copy one word which means the same as 'having a pleasant smell'.

**fragrant**



4. **Ancient, gnarled oak trees gaze down...**  
What impression does the author create about the trees by the use of this phrase?

**Pupils' own responses, such as: The author creates the impression that the trees are very old and appear alive, watching over the forest.**