

# Teaching Notes: Seasons & Sounds: Listen to Autumn

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## SYNOPSIS

### CRACKLE, RUSTLE

Come with me, I'm making a secret den Behind the tree! Toddlers will enjoy listening to the sounds of autumn come to life, as they press the buttons in this beautifully illustrated book.

### ABOUT THE ILLUSTRATOR

Morena Forza lives in Milan with her two cats and a hound dog, but she secretly dreams about moving to the countryside. She works as an illustrator specialising in the children's market, with her work appearing in trade, picture books, educational books, magazines, greeting cards, apps and digital media. Morena used to work as a pixel artist between 2003 and 2008, so she learnt to love the tiniest details in her drawings. She left in 2009 to pursue illustrating full time and hasn't stopped drawing since.

### EDUCATIONAL APPLICABILITY

This book encourages readers to slow down and listen to the sounds of nature as well as saying the onomatopoeic words in the rhyming text. Realistic nature sounds bring every page to life and reinforces the ability of children to find joy in all seasons and weather. The engaging and colourful illustrations, allow children to understand, appreciate and reflect on the Autumn season. This book is also in partnership with WWT (The Wildfowl and Wetlands Trust), who are the UK's leading wetland conservation charity, working towards conserving, restoring and creating wetlands.



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## SOUND MEDITATION

Ask the children to sit down and close their eyes.

As them to take a moment ... to listen.

Stay for a few moments like this.

Then, ask the children to open their eyes and share the sounds they heard.

## IDENTIFYING SOUNDS

Ask the children to identify different sounds. How do these sounds make them feel?

What sound does a lion make?

What sound does a bird make?



FUN  
ACTIVITY!

# AUTUMN FOREST

Draw your forest here!

