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The Pumpkin Patch

Read this short story and answer the questions that follow.

It was a perfect fall day and the leaves were turning red. A squirrel ran up the tree to get acorns. He was very hungry. He looked curiously at the children below him. The children were so happy because today they were going to the pumpkin patch. They giggled as they loaded onto the bus. They sang songs and squirmed in their seats. When they got there they listened to their teacher who told them to line up. They went off into small groups so it was easier for their chaperone to keep track of them. The first group went to the petting zoo. They had to wash their hands after petting the animals because animals can carry germs. The next group went on the train. The train had to make a sudden stop because a bunch of birds would not get off the track! The third group watched the pig races. Billy cheered because his pig won the race! The last group went to the corn maze. Maria cried because she got lost. Her teacher found her quickly though. Soon it was time to go home so the children were sad. They all grabbed their pumpkin and loaded back on the bus. They quickly remembered that it was almost Halloween so they were happy again. It was the perfect day at the pumpkin patch.

Questions

1. Why were the leaves turning red? _____
2. Why did Billy cheer? _____
3. Why did Maria cry? _____
4. Why did the children wash their hands after petting animals? _____
5. Where did the second group go? _____
6. Where did the third group go? _____
7. Why were the children sad? _____
8. Why were they in small groups? _____
9. What did they do on the bus on the way there? _____
10. Why did the squirrel run up the tree for acorns? _____