



## *Fall Slumbers* *Alternate Assessment*



Directions: Fill in the blanks using the word bank below.

Why do \_\_\_\_\_ fall in the fall? First of all, \_\_\_\_\_ hours are growing shorter each day in the fall. There are about 12 hours of daylight the first day of fall, but only about \_\_\_\_\_ daylight hours by the first day of winter. Leaves can only make food when they have enough sunlight. Secondly, temperatures are becoming \_\_\_\_\_ throughout the fall. Most deciduous leaves cannot survive freezing \_\_\_\_\_ because the fluids in the leaves freeze and destroy the leaf cells. Finally, trees lose \_\_\_\_\_ through their leaves. If \_\_\_\_\_ trees kept their leaves when the ground \_\_\_\_\_, they would continue losing water through their leaves, but they would be unable to get water through their roots. This would cause them to die of \_\_\_\_\_. Now you know why leaves fall in the fall.

### Word Bank

temperatures

deciduous

water

thirst

cooler

nine

fall

shorter

leaves

froze

daylight