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THE Last Leaf

**Read the story and then create 5 question  
Answer**

**It is autumn. The wind is blowing hard and it is raining heavily. All the leaves on an ivy creeper have fallen, except one. Why doesn't the last leaf fall?**

SUE and Johnsy, two young artists, shared a small flat. The flat was on the third storey of an old house. Johnsy fell very seriously ill in November. She had pneumonia. She would lie in her bed without moving, just gazing out of the window. Sue, her friend, became very worried. She sent for the doctor. Although he came every day there was no change in Johnsy's condition. One day the doctor took Sue aside and asked her, "Is anything worrying Johnsy?" "No," replied Sue. "But why do you ask?" The doctor said, "Johnsy, it seems, has made up her mind that she is not going to get well. If she doesn't want to live, medicines will not help her."

Sue tried her best to make Johnsy take an interest in things around her. She talked about clothes and fashions, but Johnsy did not respond. Johnsy continued to "eole her bed. Sue brought her drawing-board into Johnsy's room and started painuln Johnsy's mind off her illness, she whistled while working.

Suddenly Sue heard Johnsy whisper something. She quickly rushed to aing, . andLeasthnsy counting backwards. She was looking out of the window and wa en" welve After sometime she whispered "eleven", then "ten", then "nine ,eight and seven aniously looked out of the window. She saw an old ivy creeper climbing shedding the brick wall opposite their window. In the strong wind outside, the creepe its leaves.