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   F. Autumn comes early.
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   F. he could not change the leaves.
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Sample 2-point response: When the stranger walks toward the two rabbits, they hop toward him rather than hopping away. The stranger is able to pick up one rabbit and stroke its ears. When the rabbits hop away, they stop and look back at the stranger as if waiting for him to follow.

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Sample 4-point response: The stranger writes the message each year. The stranger might be Fall in human form. He visits the Bailey farm each year after the trees in all the other farms start turning colors.

When the stranger visits the farm, he writes the message and turns the leaves from green to bright orange, red, and yellow. He writes the message to let the Baileys know he was there and will return next year to bring autumn to the farm again.