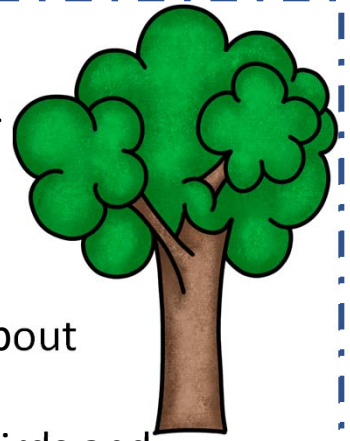


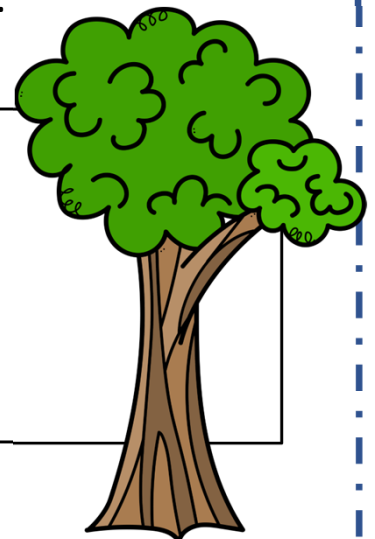
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IF Trees Could Talk



If trees could talk, they would tell us lots of things. They would tell us that they have long lives. They would tell us about all the things they have seen. They would tell us about the birds and squirrels that live in their branches. They would tell us how they give us shade on hot days. They would tell us they help protect us in storms. Trees would tell us about the sun and rain that help them grow. They would tell us about the bugs that crawl on their bark and the leaves that fall in the fall. If trees could talk, they would ask us to take care of them. They would ask us to plant more trees and keep our air clean. They would ask us to be kind to nature, just like nature is kind to us. So, let's listen to the trees, even though they can't talk. Let's take care of them and keep them safe, because they give us so much without asking for anything in return.

1. Read the passage about 'If Trees Could Talk'
2. Underline each word that you could not read.
3. Circle each word that took you more than 1 try.
4. Answer the follow up questions.



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Answer according to the reading passage:

1. **Trees would tell us they have _____.**
 - a. many branches
 - b. long lives
 - c. colorful leaves

2. **Trees would tell us these live in their branches.**
 - a. ants and bugs
 - b. squirrels and birds
 - c. owls and bees

3. **Trees protect us in:**
 - a. wind
 - b. hurricanes
 - c. storms

4. **How do trees grow?**
 - a. soil and dirt
 - b. sun and rain
 - c. we feed them

5. **Trees help keep this clean:**
 - a. soil
 - b. air
 - c. ground

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Open Response Questions

Open Response Questions for Thinking Skills:

1. *Inferring*
2. *Making Connections*
3. *Summarizing*
4. *Visualizing*

1. Why did the author call this 'If Trees Could Talk'?
 2. If you were a tree, what would you tell people?
 3. What is the important information about this reading passage?
 4. Describe your favorite type of tree.
- Why should people help trees live?
 - How does a tree provide shelter?
 - Why are trees good homes for some animals?
 - What would happen if there were no trees?
 - Could trees really talk?
 - How can we help trees grow?