

## How Trees Help



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Did you know that trees are helpers? Trees are plants that clean our air.

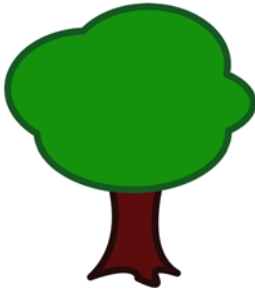
There is a gas in the air that can be dangerous to people. Tree leaves take in that gas. The leaves use that gas to make food for the tree. Then the leaves give off a clean gas. The clean gas goes into the air for us to breathe.

Trees also give us shade on hot days. Trees give us food to eat. Trees give some animals homes. Thank you, trees!

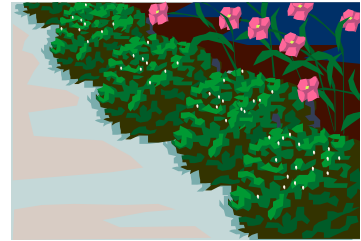
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**Directions:** For questions 1-4, circle the correct answer.

1. What plant does this passage say is a helper?



trees



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2. How do trees help us on hot days?



They give us food.



They give us shade.

3. What do some trees give us to eat?



water



food

#### 4. What can trees be a home for?



**some animals**



**some fish**

#### 5.A) What do trees clean for us by turning dangerous gas into clean gas?

Trees clean our

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B) Draw a person being helped by a tree.

6. What did you learn from "How Trees Help"?

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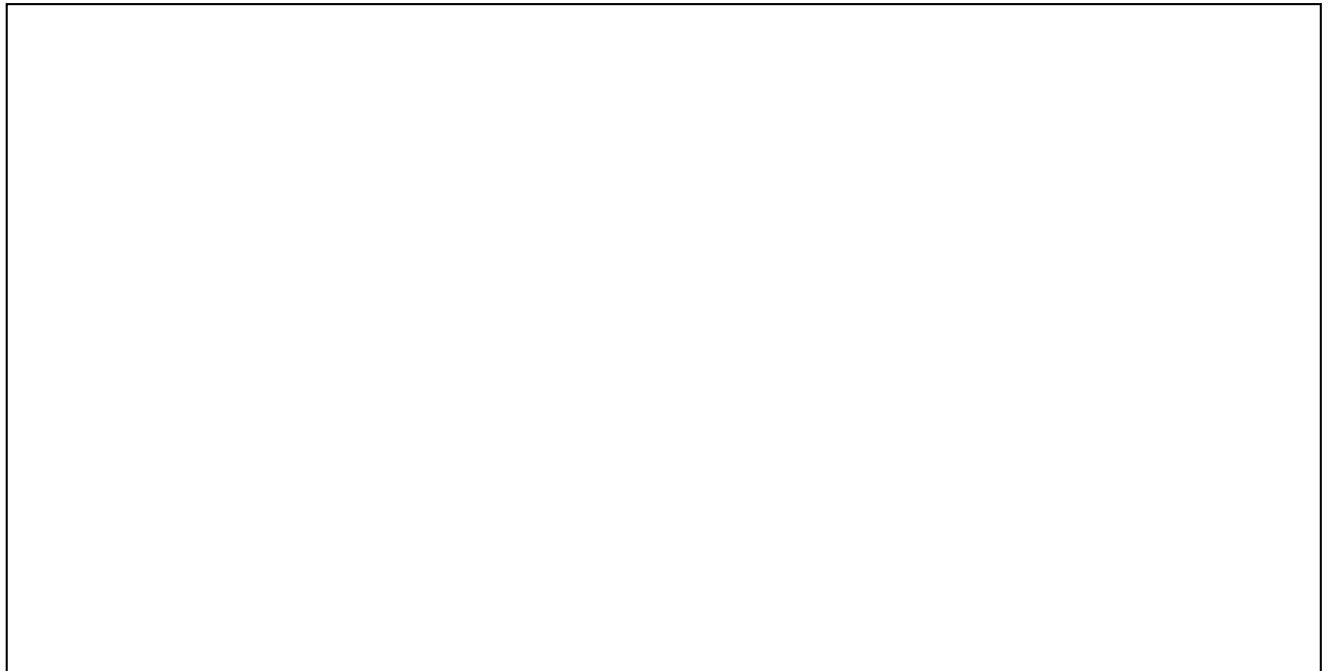
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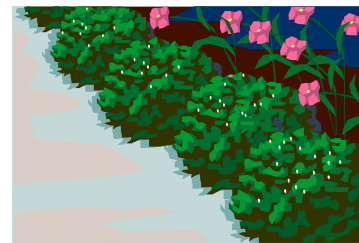
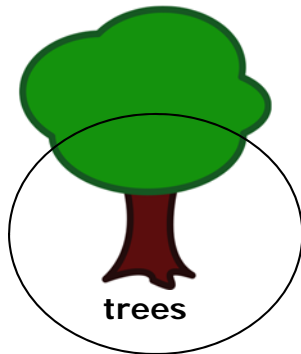
## Teacher Guide &amp; Answers

**Note to Teacher:** Read each question out loud to your students and have each student complete the worksheet independently. For questions 5 A) and 6, you can have students draw their answers, answer orally, or write their answers depending on your students' progress. If you have them write their answers, you may want to write the word(s) on the board for them to copy.

**Passage Reading Level:** Lexile 410

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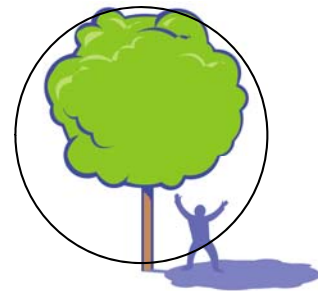


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2. How do trees help us on hot days?



They give us food.

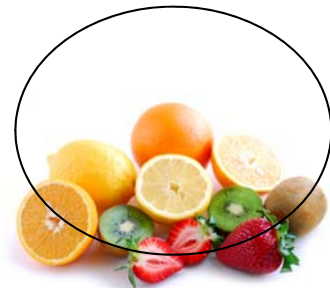


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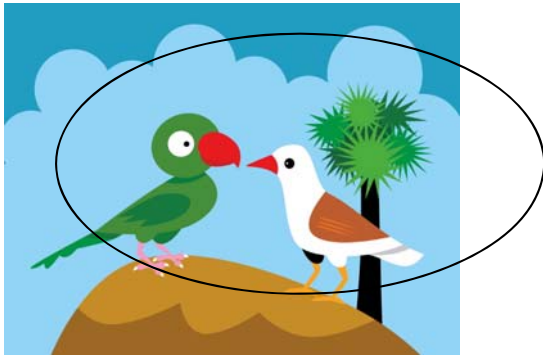


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4. What can trees be a home for?



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5. A) *Note to Teacher: See note at the top of the first page.*

What do trees clean for us by turning dangerous gas into clean gas?

**Suggested answer:** Trees clean our *air*.

B) Draw a person being helped by a tree.

**Suggested answer:** Drawings may vary but should depict a tree either:

- cleaning the air
- giving shade
- giving food (apples, peaches, bananas, etc.)

6. *Note to Teacher: See note at the top of the first page.*

What did you learn from “How Trees Help”?

**Suggested answer:** Answers may vary and should be supported by the passage.