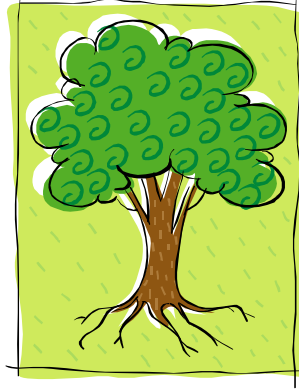


Getting to Know the Trees



“Trees are the earth's endless effort to speak to the listening heaven.” (Rabindranath Tagore)

How many trees did you see on your way to school today? How many different kinds? How tall was the tallest tree? Do you know the names of any of them?

Did you know that the tallest tree in the world is 370 feet tall? If you could walk up the trunk of that tree, you would have to take about 220 steps to reach the top of it!

The widest tree in the world is 37 feet wide. That's the length of about four cars! It would take about 30 first-graders holding hands to give that tree a giant group hug!

Did you know that some trees live for several thousand years?

Some of the most common types of tree are aspen, fir, cedar, elm, maple, oak, pine, spruce, and willow. Apple, cherry, plum, pecan, and walnut trees yield fruits and nuts. Magnolia, dogwood, and hydrangea trees produce beautiful flowers.

Trees have roots, a trunk, branches, twigs, and leaves. The roots anchor the tree and draw water and nutrients from the soil.

Trees provide shade from the sun, and they are fun to climb! Can you think of any other uses for trees?

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1. How many trees are in your yard or on your street?
2. How tall is the tallest tree on your street?
3. What is the biggest tree you've ever seen?
4. Pick a favorite tree. Describe it. How tall is it? How long are the branches? How big are the leaves? Do they change color in autumn?
5. Have you ever climbed a tree? What was it like?

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6. Can you think of some animals that live in trees?

7. Have you ever had fresh fruit picked off a tree?