

# What's your favourite tree?

► My favourite tree is the apple tree. I like apples and in the spring, it has nice flowers.

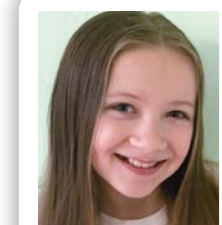


Matyáš, 10  
Liberec

► I like cherry trees because I love cherries. We have a willow<sup>9</sup> near our house. It's my favourite tree because I love climbing<sup>10</sup> it.



Anežka, 10  
Kolín



Anna, 11  
Jablonec nad Nisou

◀ I like lime trees<sup>\*1</sup>. The lime tree is the Czech national tree. And its flowers smell<sup>2</sup> so nice! I like lime tree tea, too.



Bára, 11  
Jablonec nad Nisou

► I love maple trees<sup>3</sup>. I love the leaves<sup>\*\*4</sup> because they look like<sup>5</sup> the Canadian flag<sup>6</sup>. And in autumn, they are yellow, orange and red.



Prokop, 10  
Horní Jelčany

◀ I like beech<sup>7</sup> trees. The grey bark<sup>8</sup> of young beech trees is so beautiful! And in the spring, the leaves are fresh green.

► LANGUAGE NOTE

- \* lime tree (Br. E.) – linden tree (Am. E.)
- \*\* one leaf – many leaves

► WRITE

Complete the sentences.

This is an apple tree.  
Matyáš likes it.



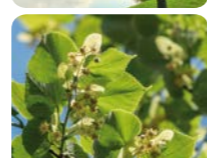
a. This is \_\_\_\_\_.  
\_\_\_\_\_ likes it.



b. This is \_\_\_\_\_.  
\_\_\_\_\_ likes it.



c. This is \_\_\_\_\_.  
\_\_\_\_\_ likes it.



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► VOCABULARY

- <sup>1</sup> lime tree [lam tri:] – lípa | <sup>2</sup> to smell [smel] – vonět | <sup>3</sup> maple tree ['meɪpl tri:] – javor
- <sup>4</sup> leaves [li:vz] – listy | <sup>5</sup> to look like [lʊk laɪk] – vypadat jako | <sup>6</sup> flag [flæg] – vlajka | <sup>7</sup> beech [bi:tʃ] – buk | <sup>8</sup> bark [bɑ:k] – kůra | <sup>9</sup> willow ['wɪləʊ] – vrba | <sup>10</sup> to climb ['klaɪm] – lézt



# Why are trees healthy?

In the Czech Republic, Arbour Day\* is on October 20<sup>th</sup>. It is a special day to think about trees. Trees give us fruits, nuts and wood. They are beautiful, and they are also healthy!

## Relax

Did you know that hospital patients who can see trees from their windows get healthy more quickly<sup>2</sup>? Trees take away our stress. That is why people like relaxing in forests, parks and gardens with trees.

## Air

People and animals need oxygen<sup>3</sup> to breathe<sup>4</sup>. And trees produce oxygen. They also absorb<sup>5</sup> bad things from the air, for example carbon dioxide<sup>6</sup>.

