

Water

We need fresh water** to drink and to water our gardens and fields. Tree roots⁷ are filters. They clean the rainwater and stop the ground absorbing it too quickly. This helps to prevent flooding⁸.

Climate

There is too much carbon dioxide in the air and the planet gets warmer and warmer. But trees can help! They absorb carbon dioxide into their trunks⁹, branches¹⁰ and leaves^{11***}.

We need trees to be healthy. They give us food to eat, wood to burn¹² and to build homes, and they clean up the air and water. They are also home to lots of animals.

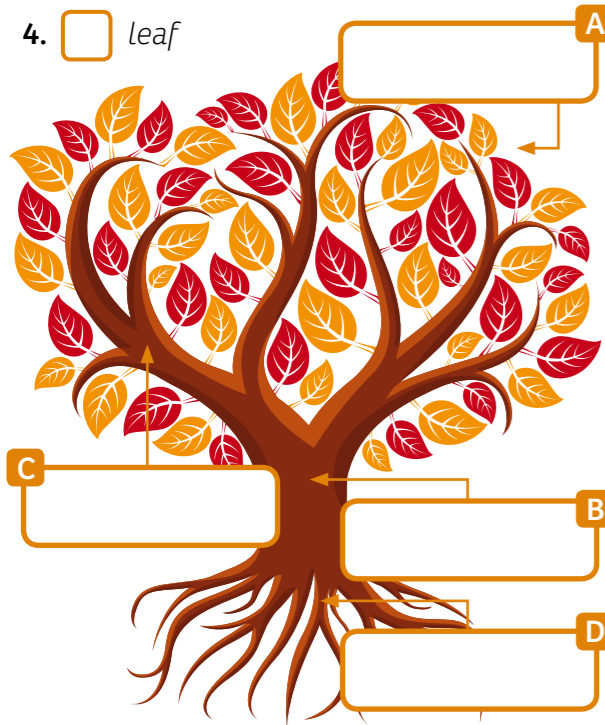
▶ LANGUAGE NOTE

- * Arbour Day – National Tree Day
- ** fresh water – not salty water
- *** one leaf – many leaves

▶ LABEL THE PICTURES

Label the pictures with:

1. root 2. branch 3. trunk
4. leaf



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▶ DID YOU KNOW?

Arbour Days around the World

Different countries celebrate Arbour Day at different times of the year, for example:

- Australia – in July
- Canada – in May
- Germany – in April
- Poland – in October
- UK – in November
- USA – in April (National Tree Week)



▶ MATCH

Make sentences about trees.

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| 1. Trees clean ... | a. relax. |
| 2. Trees produce ... | b. the air and water. |
| 3. Trees make us ... | c. oxygen. |
| 4. Trees absorb ... | e. carbon dioxide. |
| 5. Trees prevent ... | d. warming and flooding. |

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▶ VOCABULARY

- ¹ healthy ['helθi] – zdravý
- ² more quickly [mɔ: 'kwikli] – rychleji
- ³ oxygen ['ɒksɪdʒən] – kyslík
- ⁴ to breathe [bri:ð] – dýchat
- ⁵ to absorb [əb'zɔ:b] – vstřebat
- ⁶ carbon dioxide ['kɑ:bən daɪ'ɒksaɪd] – oxid uhličitý
- ⁷ root [ru:t] – kořen
- ⁸ flooding ['flʌdɪŋ] – záplavy
- ⁹ trunk [trʌŋk] – kmen
- ¹⁰ branch [brɑ:ntʃ] – větev
- ¹¹ leaf [li:f] – list
- ¹² to burn [bɜ:n] – hořet, spalovat

Mushrooming



Hey, Elena, let's go mushrooming!¹ And have you got a basket?? And wellies³??

Yes, look! Two minutes later Yours are nice, too!

Nice wellies!

In the forest Hmm, boring... Five minutes later

There aren't any mushrooms⁴ ... Elena, where are you?

Nicol, where are you?

Wow! There's a big mushroom!

Wow! There's a big mushroom!

BANG!

▶ VOCABULARY

- ¹ let's go mushrooming [lets gəʊ 'mʌʃru:mɪŋ] – pojďme na houby | ² basket ['bɑ:skɪt] – koš | ³ welly ['weli] – holínka
- ⁴ mushroom ['mʌʃrʊm] – houba

▶ LANGUAGE NOTE * 1 welly – 2 wellies