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THE WHISPERING TREE

Read the passage carefully. You will answer questions about it on the next page.



Lily loved exploring. Whenever she had free time, she would slip on her boots, grab her backpack and head into the woods behind her house.

One spring afternoon, as the sun filtered through the fresh green leaves, she followed a narrow path she had never noticed before. It wound between tall trees and led her to a clearing she had never seen.

In the middle of the clearing stood a tree unlike any other. It was ancient, with a trunk so wide that five children could not have hugged it together. Its branches stretched high into the sky, and its leaves shimmered as if they were made of silver.

What caught Lily's attention most, however, was the soft sound she heard – a faint whispering, like someone speaking quietly just out of earshot.

She stepped closer, her heart racing. As she reached out and touched the rough bark, the whisper grew a little louder.

"Who's there?" Lily asked, her voice barely a whisper.



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Answer the questions in full sentences.



1 Where did Lily go whenever she had free time?

2 What did Lily follow one spring afternoon?

3 What was unusual about the tree in the clearing?

4 What does the word ancient suggest about the tree?

5 Find a word in the passage that shows the leaves were shining.

6 Why do you think Lily felt nervous when she stepped closer to the tree?

7 What might the whispering sound be? Give one idea and explain it.

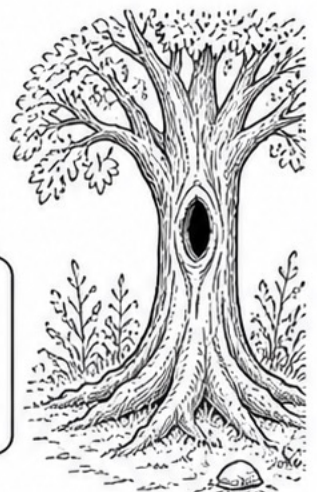
8 What do you think will happen next? Explain your answer.

9 Why do you think the author chose the title, *The Whispering Tree*?

10 How does the description of the tree create a mysterious feeling?



Discuss: Would you have gone closer to the tree? Why or why not?



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Find the Prepositions

Read the passage carefully and complete the tasks.

Task 1

Read the passage below.
Find and highlight
the prepositions.

Jamie made a delicious cake
after breakfast.

Before leaving, he cleaned the
kitchen from top to bottom.

He washed the dirty plates
near the sink and swept
beneath the table.

He looked around the room
and saw flour on the counter
beside the toaster.

Behind the jar of pasta, Jamie
found an empty egg box.

He also noticed some crumbs
inside the cupboard below
the oven.

Finally, he put the leftover cake
on the top shelf in the fridge.



Task 2

Write 3 sentences of your own about the kitchen using prepositions.

- 1 _____
- 2 _____
- 3 _____



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SAMPLE BUNDLE ANSWERS

Reading • Grammar • Prepositions • Writing • Comprehension

Answer-check note: Use these answers to check your work carefully.

Some answers may use different words, but they should still make sense and match the question.

WORKSHEET 1: THE WHISPERING TREE

Answer Sheet

- Where did Lily go whenever she had free time?
Lily went into the woods behind her house whenever she had free time.
- What did Lily follow one spring afternoon?
She followed a narrow path she had never noticed before.
- What was unusual about the tree in the clearing?
The tree was ancient and had a huge trunk with silver-looking leaves.
- What does the word ancient suggest about the tree?
The word ancient suggests that the tree was very old.
- Find a word in the passage that shows the leaves were shining.
shimmered
- Why do you think Lily felt nervous when she stepped closer to the tree?
Lily felt nervous because she heard a whispering sound coming from the tree.
- What might the whispering sound be? Give one idea and explain it.
The whispering sound might have been magic because the tree seemed unusual and mysterious.
- What do you think will happen next? Explain your answer.
I think Lily will discover a secret hidden inside the tree because the whisper became louder when she touched it.
- Why do you think the author chose the title, The Whispering Tree?
The author chose the title The Whispering Tree because the tree seemed to whisper softly to Lily.
- How does the description of the tree create a mysterious feeling?
The description creates mystery by describing the tree as ancient, silver, and whispering quietly.



Discuss: Would you have gone closer to the tree? Why or why not?
Yes, I would have gone closer because I would want to find out where the whisper was coming from.

WORKSHEET 2: FIND THE PREPOSITIONS

Answer Sheet

Task 1

Read the passage below.
Find and highlight the prepositions.

The prepositions in the passage are:

- after
- before
- from
- to
- near
- beneath
- around
- on
- beside
- behind
- inside
- below
- in



Task 2

Write 3 sentences of your own about the kitchen using prepositions.

- The cake is on the shelf.**
- The chair is beside the table.**
- The milk is inside the fridge.**

WORKSHEET 3: THE WHISPERING TREE – WRITING TASK

Answer Sheet



Write a diary entry from Lily's point of view about her experience in the woods today. You can describe what happened, how she felt, what she saw, heard and thought, and what might happen next.

Dear Diary,

Today I discovered something strange in the woods behind my house. I followed a narrow path and found a huge ancient tree in a clearing. Its silver leaves shimmered in the sunlight, and I heard a soft whisper coming from inside the tree.

At first, I felt nervous, but I was also curious. When I touched the bark, the whisper became louder. It sounded like someone trying to speak to me.

I wonder if the tree is magical. I think I might go back tomorrow to discover its secret.

Yours truly,

Lily



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