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People vote for Tree of the Year

30th October, 2014

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THE READING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1410/141030-tree-of-the-year-4.html>

England's annual Tree of the Year contest will soon take place. An environmental charity runs it. Over 200 trees were nominated but judges reduced that number to ten. Some of them are in England's most historic places. One tree is in Sherwood Forest, famous for Robin Hood. A local newspaper wrote: "The legend of Robin Hood was infused within this mighty tree." Another is the tree that gave Sir Isaac Newton the idea for his theory on gravity.

The charity started in 1972 to protect Britain's forests. It has 400,000 supporters. They give money to help the country's forests. Its website says: "Our vision is a UK rich in woods and trees, enjoyed and valued by everyone." The charity wants to protect old forests, restore damaged ones, and fight for those in danger. It hopes people all over England will visit woods, plant trees, and enjoy the many benefits of trees and forests.

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MATCHING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1410/141030-tree-of-the-year-4.html>

PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|-----------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. An environmental charity | a. historic places |
| 2. Over 200 trees | b. of Robin Hood |
| 3. in England's most | c. were nominated |
| 4. A local | d. theory on gravity |
| 5. The legend | e. newspaper |
| 6. the idea for his | f. runs it |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1. The charity started | a. forests |
| 2. money to | b. in woods and trees |
| 3. Our vision is a UK rich | c. benefits of trees |
| 4. valued | d. help the country's forests |
| 5. protect Britain's | e. by everyone |
| 6. enjoy the many | f. in 1972 |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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England's annual Tree of the Year contest (1) _____. An environmental (2) _____. Over 200 trees were nominated but judges (3) _____ ten. Some of them are in England's most historic places. One tree is in Sherwood Forest, famous for Robin Hood. A local newspaper wrote: "(4) _____ Robin Hood was infused (5) _____ tree." Another is the tree that gave Sir Isaac Newton the idea for (6) _____.

The (7) _____ to protect Britain's forests. It has 400,000 supporters. They (8) _____ the country's forests. Its website says: "Our vision is a UK (9) _____ trees, enjoyed and valued by everyone." The charity wants (10) _____ forests, restore damaged ones, and (11) _____ in danger. It hopes people all over England will visit woods, plant trees, and enjoy the (12) _____ trees and forests.

TREES SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about trees in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper. When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a)

b)

c)

d)

e)

f)

g)

h)

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WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student B: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a)

b)

c)

d)

e)

f)

g)

h)

