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## Level 6

# People vote for Tree of the Year

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# THE ARTICLE

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# WARM-UPS

**1. TREES:** Students walk around the class and talk to other students about trees. Change partners often and share your findings.

**2. CHAT:** In pairs / groups, talk about these topics or words from the article. What will the article say about them? What can you say about these words and your life?

*trees / crowned / environmental / charity / nature lovers / historic places / gravity / ancient forests / supporters / vision / native woodland / communities / inspiring / offer*

Have a chat about the topics you liked. Change topics and partners frequently.

**3. TREE CHARITY:** How could we help this charity? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

How	Why it would work	Why it wouldn't work
Posters		
Street collections		
Facebook Site		
YouTube video		
Plant a tree		
School visits		

**4. CONTEST:** Students A **strongly** believe a contest for Tree of the Year is a great idea ; Students B **strongly** believe it isn't such a great idea. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

**5. THING OF THE YEAR:** Rank these with your partner. Put the best contest for these "things of the year" at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- Tree
- TV commercial
- App
- Politician
- Cake
- Park
- News story
- English word

**6. FOREST:** Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word "forest". Share your words with your partner(s) and talk about them. Together, put the words into different categories.

# BEFORE READING / LISTENING

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

## 1. TRUE / FALSE:

Read the headline. Guess if a-h below are true (T) or false (F).

- |   |       |
|---|-------|
| a. There are 200 trees people can vote for in a competition.          | T / F |
| b. The contest is organized by an environmental charity.              | T / F |
| c. One of the trees was made famous by a man called Robin Hood.       | T / F |
| d. People can vote for the tree from Newton's theory of gravity.      | T / F |
| e. Around 1,000,000 belong to the charity mentioned in the article.   | T / F |
| f. The charity wants to stop people going into the woods and forests. | T / F |
| g. The charity now only works to protect endangered trees.            | T / F |
| h. The charity says visiting woodland has many benefits.              | T / F |

## 2. SYNONYM MATCH:

Match the following synonyms from the article.

- |                   |                         |
|-------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. in the running | a. filled               |
| 2. annually       | b. proposed             |
| 3. nominated      | c. about                |
| 4. infused        | d. publicise            |
| 5. significant    | e. on the shortlist for |
| 6. established    | f. endangered           |
| 7. approximately  | g. set up               |
| 8. promote        | h. yearly               |
| 9. under threat   | i. rewards              |
| 10. benefits      | j. important            |

## 3. PHRASE MATCH:

(Sometimes more than one choice is possible.)

- |                                  |                            |
|----------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. in the running                | a. native woodland         |
| 2. The poll is organised         | b. on gravity              |
| 3. The legend                    | c. under threat            |
| 4. historically                  | d. annually                |
| 5. the idea for his theory       | e. country's forested land |
| 6. promote the                   | f. of Robin Hood           |
| 7. create new                    | g. woodland has to offer   |
| 8. organisations                 | h. to be crowned           |
| 9. fight for those               | i. and individuals         |
| 10. enjoy the many benefits that | j. significant             |

# GAP FILL

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

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*lovers*  
*running*  
*significant*  
*legend*  
*environmental*  
*gravity*  
*hung*  
*exists*

The Woodland Trust was established in 1972 to protect Britain's (9) \_\_\_\_\_ forests and trees. It has (10) \_\_\_\_\_ 400,000 supporters who provide funds to maintain and (11) \_\_\_\_\_ the country's forested land. Its website says: "Our (12) \_\_\_\_\_ is a UK rich in woods and trees, enjoyed and valued by everyone. We (13) \_\_\_\_\_ to create new native woodland with the help of communities, schools, organisations and (14) \_\_\_\_\_. We try to protect our precious ancient woods, restore the ones that are damaged and fight for those under (15) \_\_\_\_\_. We do this by inspiring people up and down the country to visit woods, plant trees, and enjoy the many benefits that woodland has to (16) \_\_\_\_\_."

*approximately*  
*individuals*  
*ancient*  
*vision*  
*offer*  
*promote*  
*threat*  
*aim*

# LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

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- 1) Ten trees across England are in the running \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. to be clowned
  - b. to be crowned
  - c. to be cloned
  - d. to be cloud
- 2) Over 200 trees across the land were originally nominated \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. by natural lovers
  - b. by naturist lovers
  - c. by nurture lovers
  - d. by nature lovers
- 3) which is where Robin Hood hung out with his \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. band of Mary men
  - b. band of merry men
  - c. band of nary men
  - d. band of smelly men
- 4) The legend of Robin Hood was infused within this mighty tree which \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. still exists today
  - b. still existent today
  - c. still resisting today
  - d. still resists today
- 5) falling fruit gave Sir Isaac Newton the idea for his \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. theory in gravity
  - b. theory by gravity
  - c. theory on gravity
  - d. theory at gravity
- 6) established in 1972 to protect Britain's \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. ancient forests
  - b. ancestor forests
  - c. anchor forests
  - d. amethyst forests
- 7) provide funds to maintain and promote the \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. country's forest it lands
  - b. country's forested land
  - c. country's forest ad land
  - d. country's forested lands
- 8) We aim to create new \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. natives woodland
  - b. natively woodland
  - c. nature woodland
  - d. native woodland
- 9) restore the ones that are damaged and fight for \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. those under threat
  - b. those over threat
  - c. them under threat
  - d. them over threat
- 10) enjoy the many benefits that woodland \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. has to coffer
  - b. has to offer
  - c. has to proffer
  - d. has to offal

# LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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

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# COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

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

## Spelling:

British English: organisation /organise

American English: organization /organize

1. What kind of organisation organises the competition?

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2. How many nominations did the organisation initially get?

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3. Which legendary figure got together with friends near one of the trees?

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4. What did the article say a legendary figure did to help poor people?

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5. What scientific theory was mentioned at the end of paragraph one?

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6. When was the organisation set up?

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7. How many people support the organisation?

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8. What new thing does the organisation aim to create?

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9. What does the organisation fight for?

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10. What does the organisation do to people up and down the country?

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# MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

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

1. What kind of organisation organises the competition?
  - a) a government department
  - b) a voluntary organisation
  - c) a charity
  - d) a scientific one
2. How many nominations did the organisation initially get?
  - a) 200
  - b) 300
  - c) 700
  - d) 12,863
3. Which legendary figure got together with friends near one of the trees?
  - a) Robin Hood
  - b) King Arthur
  - c) Shakespeare
  - d) Aladdin
4. What did the article say a legendary figure did to help poor people?
  - a) cooked for them
  - b) stole from rich people
  - c) gave them jobs
  - d) built a big house
5. What scientific theory was mentioned at the end of paragraph one?
  - a) everything
  - b) trees
  - c) relativity
  - d) gravity
6. When was the organisation set up?
  - a) 1952
  - b) 1972
  - c) 1992
  - d) 2012
7. How many people support the organisation?
  - a) 400,000
  - b) 14,000
  - c) 4 million
  - d) 400 million
8. What new thing does the organisation aim to create?
  - a) website
  - b) children's park
  - c) native woodland
  - d) a hybrid tree
9. What does the organisation fight for?
  - a) seeds
  - b) its rights
  - c) survival
  - d) threatened woods
10. What does the organisation do to people up and down the country?
  - a) inspire them
  - b) scold them
  - c) cold call them
  - d) leaflet them

# ROLE PLAY

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## **Role A – Tree of the Year**

You think Tree of the Year is the best competition. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their ideas are no good. Also, tell the others which is the least interesting of these (and why): Cake of the Year, English Word of the Year or News Story of the Year.

## **Role B – Cake of the Year**

You think Cake of the Year is the best competition. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their ideas are no good. Also, tell the others which is the least interesting of these (and why): Tree of the Year, English Word of the Year or News Story of the Year.

## **Role C – English Word of the Year**

You think English Word of the Year is the best competition. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their ideas are no good. Also, tell the others which is the least interesting of these (and why): Cake of the Year, Tree of the Year or News Story of the Year.

## **Role D – News Story of the Year**

You think News Story of the Year is the best competition. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their ideas are no good. Also, tell the others which is the least interesting of these (and why): Cake of the Year, English Word of the Year or Tree of the Year.

# AFTER READING / LISTENING

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

**1. WORD SEARCH:** Look in your dictionary / computer to find collocates, other meanings, information, synonyms ... for the words 'tree' and 'year'.

<b>tree</b>	<b>year</b>
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- Share your findings with your partners.
- Make questions using the words you found.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

**2. ARTICLE QUESTIONS:** Look back at the article and write down some questions you would like to ask the class about the text.

- Share your questions with other classmates / groups.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

**3. GAP FILL:** In pairs / groups, compare your answers to this exercise. Check your answers. Talk about the words from the activity. Were they new, interesting, worth learning...?

**4. VOCABULARY:** Circle any words you do not understand. In groups, pool unknown words and use dictionaries to find their meanings.

**5. TEST EACH OTHER:** Look at the words below. With your partner, try to recall how they were used in the text:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• running</li><li>• 200</li><li>• located</li><li>• band</li><li>• local</li><li>• idea</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 1972</li><li>• 400,000</li><li>• vision</li><li>• aim</li><li>• try</li><li>• benefits</li></ul>
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# TREES SURVEY

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

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.

# TREES DISCUSSION

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

- 1) What did you think when you read the headline?
- 2) What springs to mind when you hear the word 'tree'?
- 3) How important are trees to you?
- 4) What do you think of the idea of a Tree of the Year?
- 5) What kind of tree might win this competition?
- 6) How do trees make you feel?
- 7) What is your favourite tree and why is it special?
- 8) Should trees be protected?
- 9) How do you feel when trees are cut down?
- 10) What do you think of logging?

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# TREES DISCUSSION

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

- 11) Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
- 12) Who protects trees in your country?
- 13) What should we do to increase the number of trees?
- 14) Why are trees important?
- 15) What is the woodland in your country like?
- 16) What would happen if all trees became endangered one day?
- 17) What happy memories do you have of trees?
- 18) What are the benefits of woodland?
- 19) Would you fight to save a forest from being cut down?
- 20) What questions would you like to ask the Woodland Trust?

# DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_

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# DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_

# LANGUAGE - CLOZE

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## Put the correct words from the table below in the above article.

- |     |                  |                 |                |                 |
|-----|------------------|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|
| 1.  | (a) across       | (b) traversing  | (c) beyond     | (d) covering    |
| 2.  | (a) annulled     | (b) annuity     | (c) annually   | (d) anomaly     |
| 3.  | (a) loves        | (b) love-ins    | (c) lovers     | (d) lovingly    |
| 4.  | (a) hanging      | (b) hangs       | (c) hanged     | (d) hung        |
| 5.  | (a) key          | (b) contents    | (c) legend     | (d) heading     |
| 6.  | (a) felling      | (b) falling     | (c) failing    | (d) feeling     |
| 7.  | (a) relinquished | (b) established | (c) wished     | (d) refurbished |
| 8.  | (a) affluent     | (b) rich        | (c) opulent    | (d) well-to-do  |
| 9.  | (a) earliest     | (b) first       | (c) native     | (d) inherent    |
| 10. | (a) precise      | (b) precinct    | (c) precedence | (d) precious    |
| 11. | (a) through      | (b) over        | (c) around     | (d) under       |
| 12. | (a) offers       | (b) offerings   | (c) offering   | (d) offer       |

# SPELLING

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

## Paragraph 1

1. recwond as the nation's Tree of the Year
2. originally deionmnat by nature lovers
3. usfdnie within this mighty tree
4. The nelgde of Robin Hood
5. Another historically significant tenncrode
6. the idea for his theory on rvyatgi

## Paragraph 2

7. dasseibehtl in 1972
8. protect Britain's naecint forests
9. opypaltiexarm 400,000 supporters
10. with the help of utncemoimis
11. gatrainsionos (UK) / osninziaotarg (USA) and individuals
12. We do this by ispiinrgn people



# PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

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

Number these lines in the correct order.

( )	the help of communities, schools, organisations and individuals. We try to
( )	contender is Newton's Apple Tree, whose falling fruit gave Sir Isaac Newton the idea for his theory on gravity.
( )	famous and historic places. One tree, the Major Oak, is in Sherwood Forest, which is where Robin Hood hung
( 1 )	Ten trees across England are in the running to be crowned as the nation's Tree of the Year. The poll is
( )	trees, and enjoy the many benefits that woodland has to offer."
( )	out with his band of merry men, robbing the rich to give to the poor. A local newspaper stated: "The legend
( )	is a UK rich in woods and trees, enjoyed and valued by everyone. We aim to create new native woodland with
( )	protect our precious ancient woods, restore the ones that are damaged and fight
( )	of Robin Hood was infused within this mighty tree which still exists today." Another historically significant
( )	The Woodland Trust was established in 1972 to protect Britain's ancient forests and trees. It has approximately
( )	the land were originally nominated by nature lovers. Some of the trees are located in England's most
( )	for those under threat. We do this by inspiring people up and down the country to visit woods, plant
( )	400,000 supporters who provide funds to maintain and promote the country's forested land. Its website says: "Our vision
( )	organised annually by the environmental charity the Woodland Trust. Over 200 trees across

# PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

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

1. the across running England are Ten in trees .

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2. The organised the is by charity poll annually environmental .

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3. across were trees land nominated 200 the originally Over .

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4. merry men Robin Hood hung out with his band of .

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5. theory his for idea the Newton Isaac Sir Gave gravity on .

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6. protect Established Britain's in ancient 1972 forests to .

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7. the land to promote forested Funds and country's maintain .

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8. a UK rich in woods and trees Our vision is .

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9. people up and down the country to visit woods Inspiring .

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10. benefits has many woodland offer the that to Enjoy .

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# CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

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

Ten trees across England are in the *walking / running* to be crowned as the nation's Tree of the Year. The poll is organised *annual / annually* by the environmental charity the Woodland Trust. Over 200 trees *across / crossed* the land were originally nominated *by / from* nature lovers. Some of the trees are located in England's most famous and *history / historic* places. One tree, the Major Oak, is in Sherwood Forest, which is where Robin Hood hung *up / out* with his band of merry men, *robbing / robbed* the rich to give to the poor. A local newspaper stated: "The legend of Robin Hood was *infused / infested* within this mighty tree which still *exacts / exists* today." Another historically significant contender is Newton's Apple Tree, whose *felling / falling* fruit gave Sir Isaac Newton the idea for his theory on gravity.

The Woodland Trust was *abolished / established* in 1972 to protect Britain's *ancient / ancestor* forests and trees. It has approximately 400,000 supporters who provide *founds / funds* to maintain and promote the country's forested land. Its website says: "Our *vision / visionary* is a UK rich in woods and trees, enjoyed and *valuing / valued* by everyone. We aim to create new *native / nurture* woodland with the help of communities, schools, organisations and individuals. We try to protect our *precocious / precious* ancient woods, restore the ones that are damaged and fight for those *under / over* threat. We do this by inspiring people up and down the country to visit woods, plant trees, and enjoy the many *benefits / beneficial* that woodland has to offer / proffer."

**Talk about the connection between each pair of words in italics, and why the correct word is correct.**

# INSERT THE VOWELS (a, e, i, o, u)

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

T\_n tr\_\_s \_cr\_ss \_ngl\_nd \_r\_ \_n th\_ r\_nn\_ng t\_ b\_  
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# PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

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

ten trees across england are in the running to be crowned as the nation's tree of the year the poll is organised annually by the environmental charity the woodland trust over 200 trees across the land were originally nominated by nature lovers some of the trees are located in england's most famous and historic places one tree the major oak is in sherwood forest which is where robin hood hung out with his band of merry men robbing the rich to give to the poor a local newspaper stated "the legend of robin hood was infused within this mighty tree which still exists today" another historically significant contender is newton's apple tree whose falling fruit gave sir isaac newton the idea for his theory on gravity

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# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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Ten trees across England are in the running to be crowned as the nation's Tree of the Year. The poll is organised annually by the environmental charity the Woodland Trust. Over 200 trees across the land were originally nominated by nature lovers. Some of the trees are located in England's most famous and historic places. One tree, the Major Oak, is in Sherwood Forest, which is where Robin Hood hung out with his band of merry men, robbing them rich to give to the poor. A local newspaper stated: "The legend of Robin Hood was infused with in this mighty tree which still exists today." Another historically significant contender is Newton's Apple Tree, whose falling fruit gave Sir Isaac Newton the idea for his theory on gravity. The Woodland Trust was established in 1972 to protect Britain's ancient forests and trees. It has approximately 400,000 supporters who provide funds to maintain and promote the country's forested land. Its website says: "Our vision is a UK rich in woods and trees, enjoyed and valued by everyone. We aim to create new native woodland with the help of communities, schools, organisations and individuals. We try to protect our precious ancient woods, restore the ones that are damaged and fight for those under threat. We do this by inspiring people up and down the country to visit woods, plant trees, and enjoy the many benefits that woodland has to offer."

# FREE WRITING

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

Write about **trees** for 10 minutes. Comment on your partner's paper.

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# ACADEMIC WRITING

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

Forests should never be cut down to build houses and malls. Discuss.

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# HOMework

**1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION:** Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

**2. INTERNET:** Search the Internet and find out more about trees. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

**3. TREES:** Make a poster about trees. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

**4. TREE OF THE YEAR:** Write a magazine article about the Tree of the Year competition. Include imaginary interviews with people who voted for different trees.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Write down any new words and expressions you hear from your partner(s).

**5. WHAT HAPPENED NEXT?** Write a newspaper article about the next stage in this news story. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

**6. LETTER:** Write a letter to an expert on trees. Ask him/her three questions about trees. Give him/her three of your ideas on how we can better protect them. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

# ANSWERS

## TRUE / FALSE (p.4)

a F    b T    c T    d T    e F    f F    g F    h T

## SYNONYM MATCH (p.4)

- |                   |                         |
|-------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. in the running | a. on the shortlist for |
| 2. annually       | b. yearly               |
| 3. nominated      | c. proposed             |
| 4. infused        | d. filled               |
| 5. significant    | e. important            |
| 6. established    | f. set up               |
| 7. approximately  | g. about                |
| 8. promote        | h. publicise            |
| 9. under threat   | i. endangered           |
| 10. benefits      | j. rewards              |

## COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.8)

1. A charity
2. 200
3. Robin Hood
4. Stole from the rich
5. Gravity
6. 1972
7. 400,000
8. Native woodland
9. Threatened woods
10. Inspire them

## MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.9)

1. c    2. a    3. a    4. b    5. d    6. b    7. a    8. c    9. d    10. a

## ALL OTHER EXERCISES

Please check for yourself by looking at the Article on page 2.  
(It's good for your English ;-)