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Level 5 People vote for Tree of the Year

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Please try Level 4 (easier) and the 26-page Level 6 (harder).



THE READING

From http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1410/141030-tree-of-the-year-5.html

Ten trees are in a contest to be England's Tree of the Year. The competition is organised annually by an environmental charity. Over 200 trees were originally nominated. Some of them are located in England's most historic places. One tree is in Sherwood Forest, famous for Robin Hood and his band of merry men. They robbed the rich and gave to the poor. A local newspaper wrote: "The legend of Robin Hood was infused within this mighty tree which still exists today." Another important tree is Newton's Apple Tree, which gave Sir Isaac Newton the idea for his theory on gravity.

The Woodland Trust charity started in 1972 to protect Britain's forests and trees. It has 400,000 supporters who provide funds to maintain the country's forests. 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....We try to protect our precious ancient woods, restore the ones that are damaged and fight for those under threat." It added that it inspires people all over England to visit woods, plant trees, "and enjoy the many benefits that woodland has to offer".

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MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

1.	Ten trees are	a.	Robin Hood
2	The competition is organised	b.	in a contest
3.	Over 200 trees were	c.	theory on gravity
4.	located in England's	d.	annually
5.	They robbed the rich	e.	most historic places
6.	The legend of	f.	still exists today
7.	this mighty tree which	g.	originally nominated
8.	the idea for his	h.	and gave to the poor

PARAGRAPH TWO:

1.	The Woodland Trust charity	a.	ancient woods
2	protect Britain's forests	b.	in woods
3.	supporters who	c.	woodland has to offer
4.	Our vision is a UK rich	d.	and trees
5.	enjoyed and valued	e.	under threat
6.	We try to protect our precious	f.	by everyone
7.	fight for those	g.	started in 1972
8.	enjoy the many benefits that	h.	provide funds

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Ten trees (1) _____ be England's Tree of the Year. The competition is organised (2) ______ environmental charity. Over 200 trees were (3) _____. Some of them are located in England's most historic places. One tree is in Sherwood Forest, famous for Robin Hood (4) ______ merry men. They robbed the rich and gave to the poor. A local newspaper wrote: "The legend of Robin Hood was (5) _____ mighty tree which still exists today." Another important tree is Newton's Apple Tree, which gave Sir Isaac Newton the idea for (6) The Woodland Trust (7) ______ 1972 to protect Britain's forests and trees. It has 400,000 supporters (8) to maintain the country's forests. Its website says: "Our vision is a UK rich in woods and trees, enjoyed and (9) ______. We aim to create new native woodland....We try to (10) _____ ancient

(11) ______." It added that it inspires people all over England to visit woods, plant trees, "and enjoy (12) _____

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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)

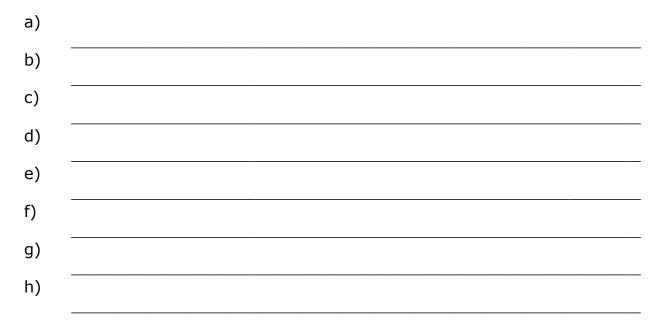
Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

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).



FREE WRITING

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