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The Tree Trimmer Climbs on a Rope

Circle group

A tree trimmer cares for trees. Some trees are very tall. A ladder is not enough. So she climbs with a rope.

She puts on a hard hat. It guards her head. She clips a belt to the rope. She goes up, one step at a time.

She looks for dead branches. A dead branch is dry. It can break and fall. She cuts it with a small saw. Her helper waits below.

Questions

1. What does a tree trimmer care for?

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2. What guards her head?

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3. What does she look for in the tree?

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4. What does she cut with?

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5. Why does she cut off dead branches?

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6. Why does she climb with a rope?

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Words to know

trimmer: a worker who cuts parts off a plant
ladder: a set of steps you use to climb up high
branch: an arm of a tree that grows out from the trunk
saw: a tool with sharp teeth for cutting wood

Talk together (every group has these)

1. Find one fact that every group read. How did your sheet say it?
2. What did your sheet tell you that you think another group's did not? Ask them.
3. What is one question about this topic that none of the sheets answered?

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The Tree Trimmer Climbs on a Rope

Triangle group

A tree trimmer takes care of trees. Some trees are so tall that a ladder is not enough. So the trimmer climbs with a rope.

First, she puts on a hard hat to guard her head. She clips a belt to the rope. Then she goes up, one step at a time.

High in the tree, she looks for dead branches. A dead branch is dry and has no leaves. It can break and fall. She cuts it with a small saw, and her helper waits below.

Now the tree is neat and safe. The healthy branches can keep growing.

Questions

1. What does a tree trimmer take care of?

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2. What does she wear to guard her head?

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3. What does she look for high in the tree?

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4. What does she use to cut a branch?

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5. Why does the trimmer cut off dead branches?

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6. Why does the trimmer climb with a rope?

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Words to know

trimmer: a worker who cuts parts off a plant
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The Tree Trimmer Climbs on a Rope

Square group

A tree trimmer is a worker who takes care of trees. Some trees grow so tall that a ladder is not nearly enough, so the trimmer climbs using a strong rope.

Before she starts, she puts on a hard hat to guard her head and clips a safety belt to the rope. Then she climbs slowly, one careful step at a time.

High in the tree, she searches for dead branches. A dead branch is dry and has no leaves, and it can easily break and fall. She cuts it off with a small saw while her helper waits on the ground below.

Now the tree is neat and safe, and its healthy branches can keep on growing.

Questions

1. What kind of worker takes care of trees?

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2. What does she put on to guard her head?

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3. What does she search for high in the tree?

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4. What does she cut a branch off with?

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5. Why does the trimmer cut off the dead branches?

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6. Why does the trimmer climb with a rope instead of a ladder?

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Words to know

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For the teacher: The Tree Trimmer Climbs on a Rope

Each student sheet carries a shape, not a level. The same topic and facts, written three ways.

Circle: The Tree Trimmer Climbs on a Rope

Easier · 73 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade -0.3

1. Trees.
2. A hard hat.
3. Dead branches.
4. A small saw.
5. A dead branch can break and fall.
6. Some trees are too tall for a ladder.

Triangle: The Tree Trimmer Climbs on a Rope

This passage · 100 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 0.8

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2. A hard hat.
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4. A small saw.
5. A dead branch can break and fall.
6. Some trees are too tall for a ladder.

Square: The Tree Trimmer Climbs on a Rope

Harder · 118 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 4.4

1. A tree trimmer.
2. A hard hat.
3. Dead branches.
4. A small saw.
5. A dead branch can easily break and fall.
6. Some trees grow too tall for a ladder to reach.