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The Road Lined With Bottle-Shaped Trees

Circle group

Madagascar is a big island in the Indian Ocean. It is near Africa. Many of its plants and animals live almost nowhere else.

On one dirt road, giant trees stand in two long rows. They are baobabs. Each trunk is thick and wide. A baobab has branches only at the top. It looks like a tree upside down.

The trunk can hold water. This helps the tree live through a long dry season.

Visitors walk the road at sunset. The trees glow orange. Many people take pictures.

Questions

1. Where is Madagascar?

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2. What are the giant trees called?

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3. Where are the branches of a baobab?

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4. What can the trunk hold?

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5. How does holding water help the tree?

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Words to know

island: a piece of land with water all around it
trunk: the thick main stem of a tree
branches: the parts of a tree that grow out from the trunk
season: a part of the year with its own kind of weather

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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Triangle group

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The trunk can hold water. This helps the tree live through a long dry season.

Visitors love to walk on this road at sunset. The trees glow orange. Many people take pictures.

Questions

1. Where is Madagascar?

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2. What are the giant trees called?

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Square group

Madagascar is a large island in the Indian Ocean, located near the continent of Africa. It is home to many kinds of plants and animals that can be found almost nowhere else on Earth.

Along one dirt road, enormous trees stand in two long rows. They are called baobabs. Each trunk is thick, wide, smooth, and tall, and the branches grow only at the very top, so a baobab looks like a tree growing upside down.

The trunk of a baobab is able to hold water, which helps the tree survive through a long dry season.

Visitors love to stroll along this road at sunset, when the trees glow orange in the low light. Many people take pictures of the long, quiet row.

Questions

1. Where is Madagascar located?

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2. What are the enormous trees called?

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3. Where do the branches of a baobab grow?

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4. What is the trunk of a baobab able to hold?

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5. How does holding water help the tree survive?

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For the teacher: The Road Lined With Bottle-Shaped Trees

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

Circle: The Road Lined With Bottle-Shaped Trees

Easier · 87 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 2.9

1. In the Indian Ocean, near Africa.
2. Baobabs.
3. Only at the top.
4. Water.
5. It helps the tree live through a long dry season.

Triangle: The Road Lined With Bottle-Shaped Trees

This passage · 92 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 3.3

1. In the Indian Ocean, near Africa.
2. Baobabs.
3. Only at the very top.
4. Water.
5. It helps the tree live through a long dry season.

Square: The Road Lined With Bottle-Shaped Trees

Harder · 123 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 6.3

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2. Baobabs.
3. Only at the very top.
4. Water.
5. It helps the tree get through a long dry season.