

# Dee's Trees

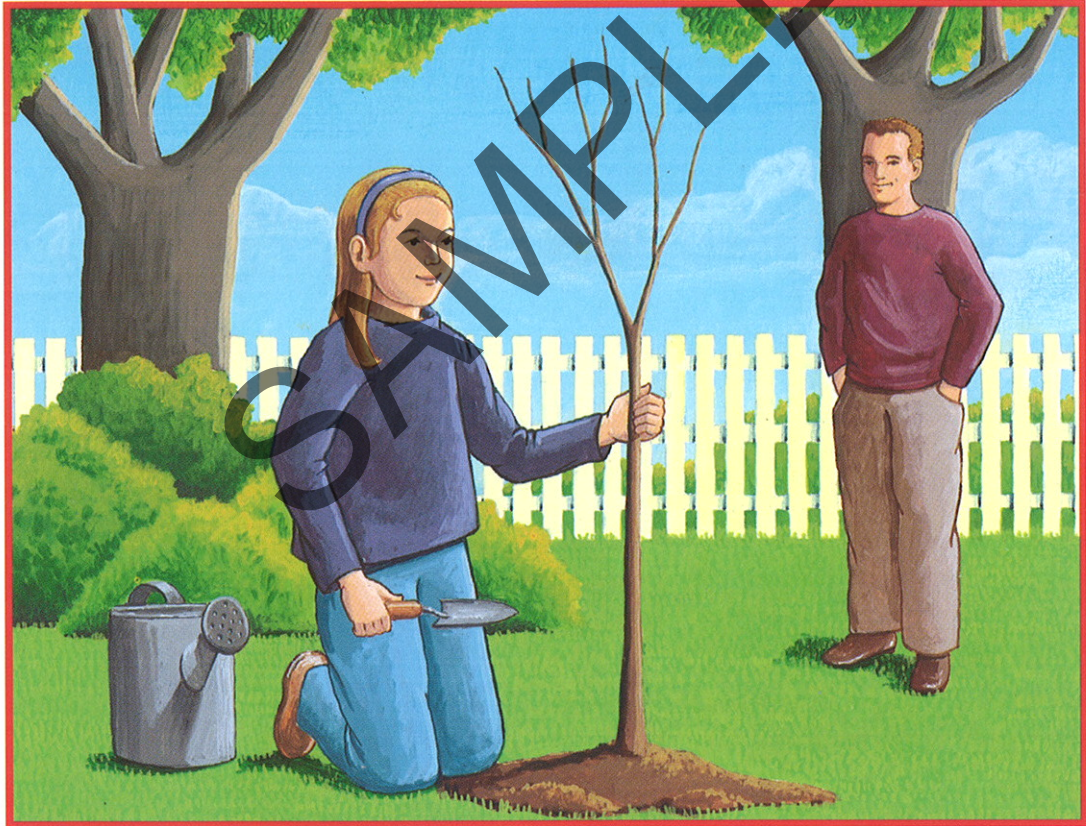
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Once there was a girl named Dee. She found a stick and put it in the ground. It grew. So did she. She turned into a woman, and the stick turned into a tree.

Dee had a small boy, and he grew. He turned into a man. The small tree turned into a big tree. Soon the man was a father.

He had a small girl. One day the small girl found a stick, and she put it in the ground. It will grow too.



## COMPREHENSION

**A** Read each question. Write *a* or *b*.

- 1 What is this story really about?
  - a Growing and changing
  - b Putting sticks in the ground
- 2 How are a tree and a boy alike?
  - a Both will be fathers.
  - b Both can grow.
- 3 A stick turns into a tree. What is this change like?
  - a It is like a boy turning into a man.
  - b It is like a woman turning into a girl.
- 4 How are a tree and a woman different?
  - a A tree cannot grow.
  - b A tree cannot move around.
- 5 What can happen when the small girl in this story turns into a woman?
  - a She can be a father.
  - b She can be a mother.

## LEARN ABOUT WORDS

### B m + an = man

Say the word *man*. Listen to the sound of *an*. Then look at the letters in the box. Add each letter to *an* to make a word. Write the word.

1	m
2	r + an
3	c

### C Read the words you wrote. Which one fits in each sentence? Write the word.

- 4 Dee \_\_\_\_\_ to the tree.
- 5 A stick \_\_\_\_\_ grow to be a tree.
- 6 The \_\_\_\_\_ was a father.

## THINK ABOUT IT

### D *Day* and *say* end the same way. They rhyme.

Read each pair of sentences. Which word in ( ) rhymes with the underlined word? Write the word.

- 1 We saw the big tree.  
It was planted by (her, Dee).
- 2 The boy once was small.  
Now he is (tall, big).
- 3 A stick was what I found.  
I put it in the (ground, dirt).
- 4 See the ball and stick.  
Which one do you (want, pick)?

## Comprehension

- A**
- 1 a
  - 2 b
  - 3 a
  - 4 b
  - 5 b

## Learn about Words

- B**
- 1 man
  - 2 ran
  - 3 can
- C**
- 4 ran
  - 5 can
  - 6 man

## Think about It

- D**
- 1 Dee
  - 2 tall
  - 3 ground
  - 4 pick