A Tree is Growing

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Word Wise

tropical: having to do with the warm areas of the Earth near the

equator

dissolve: to seem to disappear when mixed with liquid

pollen: tiny yellow grains made by flowering plants

store: to put away for later use

clumps: groups or bunches of things, especially plants and dirt

passages: narrow paths or channels

absorb: take in or soak up

throughout: all the way through

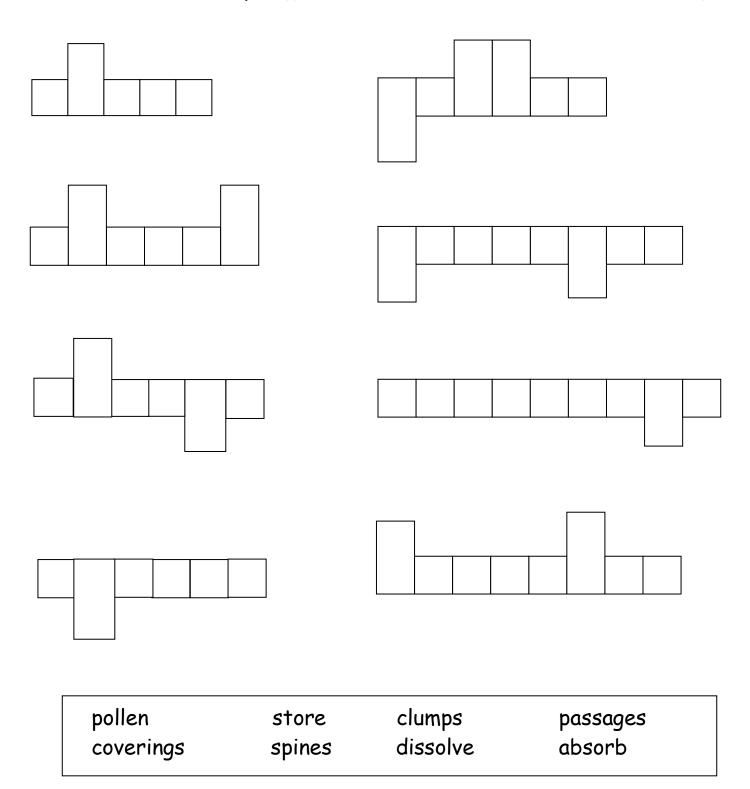
coverings: the outsides of things, usually serving as protection

spines: sharp, pointy growth

Keep this list of focus vocabulary words to help you complete the packet pages for The A Tree is Growing. The definitions will be especially helpful for the crossword puzzle, What's Missing? and Sentence Sense.

Configuration Station

Write the words from the word bank in the correct boxes.



What's Missing?

Fill in the blanks with words from the word bank.

	1. The food in sa	the tree.				
â	2. Water travels branches up to	i	n the trunk and			
	3. The roots are the ground and	•	water from			
4		in wried throughout t	vater and mix with he tree.			
ŗ	5. Honey locust b	to	_ to protect the tree.			
(b. When animals I	•	flowers, a yellow to them for polle	•		
7	7. Oak trees have help make acoi	s of an oak tree.	of flowers that			
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	pollen	clumps	passages	absorb		
	throughout	spines	dissolve			

Where Are the Words?

Find and circle all of the words from the word bank. Some words appear twice!

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j	a	m	e	У	m	k	W	†	m	٧	0	р
q	٧	×	r	р	a	S	S	a	9	e	S	Z

pollen	store	clumps	passages	absorb
throughout	coverings	spines	tropical	dissolve



Crossword Puzzle

1		2	3			
						4
					5	
			6			
				ı		

Across

- 1. hot and humid area
- 6. keep or save for future use

Down

- 2. narrow paths between buildings
- 3. compacted mass of soil
- 4. sharp, pointy growth
- 5. soak up or take in



Rhyme Time



Read each word and listen for the ending chunk. Find and paste three words that rhyme with each word.

store	clumps	spines
dumps	boar	whines
kinds	bumps	drawer
door	twines	jumps

Order in the Court

Place the story words below in alphabetical order.

1	
8.	

pollen	clumps	passages	absorb	throughout
store	coverings	spines	tropical	dissolve

Clever Connector

Draw a line to connect the words that have the same meaning.

clumps supply

dissolve spikes

store bunches

spines melt



Awesome Artist



Draw a picture of a tree with roots and spines.

Definition Derby



Read each word in the first column. Find the correct definition and write the matching letter next to the word (see sample). Write each word in a sentence.

Word	Sentence	Definition
1. absorb	d	a. groups or bunches of things, especially plans and dirt
2. clumps		b. narrow paths or channels
3. coverings		c. sharp, pointy growths
4. dissolve		d. take in or soak up
5. passages		e. to put away for later use
6. pollen		f. the outsides of things, usually serving as protection
7. spines		g. all the way
8. store		h. tiny yellow grains made by flowering plants
9. throughout		i. to seem to disappear when mixed with liquid

Score with Scrabble!

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	SCORE
T ₁ R ₁ O ₁ P ₃ I ₁ C ₃ A ₁ L ₁	
S ₁ P ₃ I ₁ N ₁ E ₁ S ₁	
A, B, S, O, R, B,	
P ₃ A ₁ S ₁ S ₁ A ₁ G ₂ E ₁ S ₁	
S ₁ T ₁ O ₁ R ₁ E ₁	

Directions: Read each word and add up the points for each. Which word has the most? The least?



Write 3, 4, and 5 letter words in your writing journal using the letters in throughout.

Hmm. I wonder how many trees will grow throughout the forest>





Suggested Answer Key:

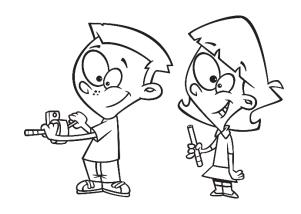
Note: You can find others in the dictionary.

got	goth	grout
gut	gout	ought
hog	guru	rough
hot	hoot	tooth
hug	hour	tough
huh	hurt	trout
hut	root	truth
our	thru	tutor
out	thug	
rot	toot	
rug	tour	
tot	trot	
tug	tutu	
ugh		

Sort the Syllables

Read this week's spelling words. Count the number of syllables in each word and write them on the correct trees on the next 3 pages!

shark	check	queen	circus
flake	crack	second	squeeze
quart	quick	coldest	Africa
Mexico	black	thank	correct
question	squeak		



Sort the Syllables!



2 syllables





ABC Order

1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8
squeeze	circus	second	coldest
correct	shark	fierce	crack



Sentence Sense



Write a 6-8 word sentence for each

thank queen			
1			
quart coldest			
coldest			
correct			
question			
thank			
second			