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READING: Climbing the Tallest Trees

Vocabulary Preview

- Match the words on the left with the meanings on the right.

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| 1. (to) climb | <u>E</u> | A. to put a seed or plant into the ground so it can grow |
| 2. height | _____ | B. a floor in a building |
| 3. story | _____ | C. the result you want |
| 4. branch | _____ | D. things (slang) |
| 5. (to) plant | _____ | E. to use your hands and feet to travel up something |
| 6. cool | _____ | F. good, great, interesting (slang) |
| 7. stuff | _____ | G. the measure of how high something is |
| 8. goal | _____ | H. a part of a tree |

- Use the above words to complete the sentences. Use plural forms and past tense when necessary.

1. My wife and I want to plant more flowers in our garden.
2. That building is really tall. It has over sixty _____.
3. How high is the Statue of Liberty? What is its _____?
4. When I was a kid, I often _____ up trees.
5. Are you planning to bring much _____ with you when you travel?
6. A _____ fell off the tree during the storm.
7. I study business at college. My _____ is to open my own store.
8. Tom really likes that new music group. He thinks they're _____.

- Choose any two of the above words and write your own sentences.

1. _____
2. _____

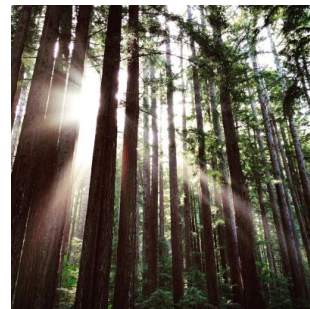
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Grammar Practice

Climbing the Tallest Trees



In the summer of 2016, Jake Milarch and a small group of tree climbers **(1)**_____ to California to climb some trees. That **(2)**_____ sound very interesting – until you find out that some of the trees are the tallest trees in the world. Some of **(3)**_____ are 300 feet tall (91 meters), which is about the same height as a thirty-story building. They are also some of the **(4)**_____ trees in the world. Many of the trees are hundreds of years old, and some **(5)**_____ even two or three thousand years old! Why are **(6)**_____ people climbing the trees? They are climbing them because already 95% of these trees (called ‘coast redwood’ trees) have been cut down, so they **(7)**_____ to save them. After the **(8)**_____ get near the top of the trees, they take small pieces from the youngest branches to plant new trees. Jake Milarch says that, “everybody’s a little afraid of heights **(9)**_____ it’s pretty safe, and once you’re up **(10)**_____, there’s a lot of cool stuff – stuff other people will never get a chance to **(11)**_____.” Their goal is to plant hundreds, perhaps thousands, of new trees. In March 2016, the group even **(12)**_____ 40 of the baby coast redwood trees in England.

1.

- (A) travels
- (B) travelled
- (C) travel

2.

- (A) isn’t
- (B) don’t
- (C) doesn’t

3.

- (A) them
- (B) they
- (C) they’re

4.

- (A) oldest
- (B) old
- (C) older

5.

- (A) is
- (B) are
- (C) have

6.

- (A) this
- (B) these
- (C) them

7.

- (A) want
- (B) wants
- (C) wanting

8.

- (A) climbers
- (B) climbs
- (C) climbed

9.

- (A) and
- (B) so
- (C) but

10.

- (A) they’re
- (B) their
- (C) there

11.

- (A) sees
- (B) see
- (C) saw

12.

- (A) planting
- (B) plant
- (C) planted