

Up the Tree



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Green words

Practises igh

sighs

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sights

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Red words

Previous red words

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New red words

ask*

our

*This word may be tricky depending on regional accent.



Yig sighs.
He kicks his heels.
He picks his teeth.



It has been a dull week.

It is a dull night.

“Mum! The nights are so long.”



“You need the sun. You need the light.

It might help to see Zeb and Max. Ask them to meet up.”



He rings them up to ask that night.

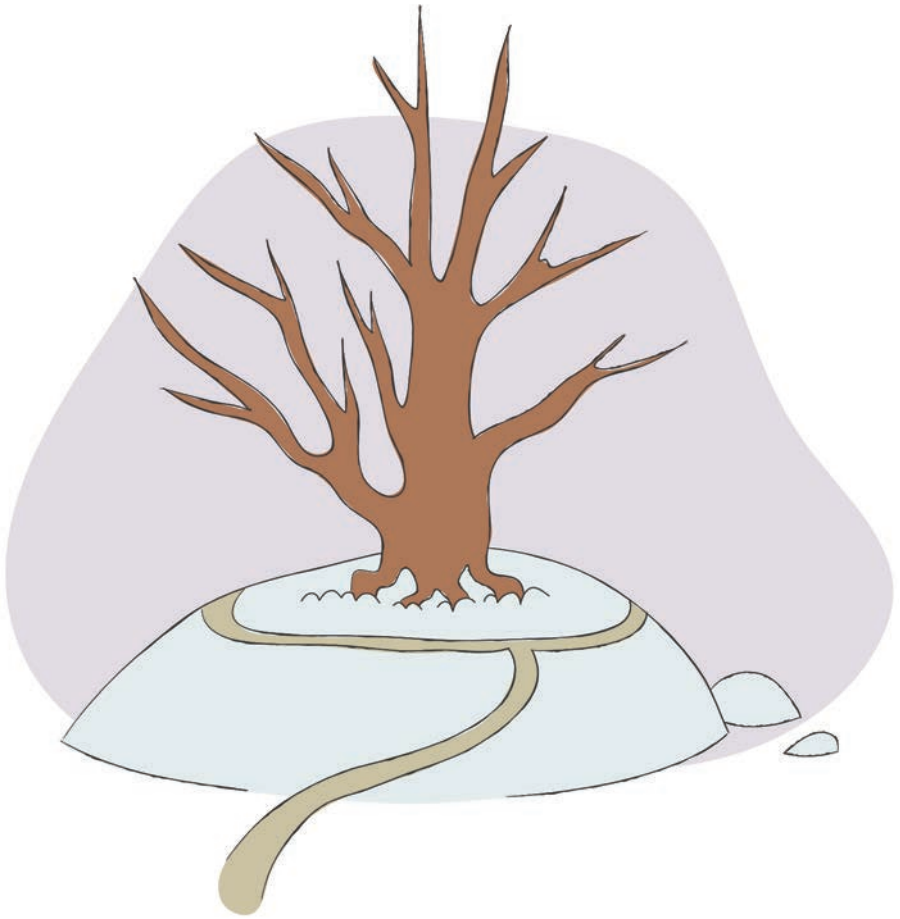


“Off we go then.
Let’s see the sights from the top
of our tree.”



“The big beech tree on the hill?”

“That’s right.”



Huff, puff up the steep hill.
Lungs feel tight.



Sit by the den in the wind and
the light.
It is a long wait until Spring.
Mum rests her cheek on the beech.



Max, then Zeb, then Yig shin up,
right up the tree.



Yig, Zeb and Max cling on tight.
High, high up in the sun and light.



“I feel free. This feels right.
Will you shin up, Mum?”



“Well, I just might.”

Questions

Can you answer these questions about the story?

1. Do Sam and Pip go up the hill with Yig?
2. Is the tree at the top of the hill an ash tree?
3. Will Mum shin up the tree?

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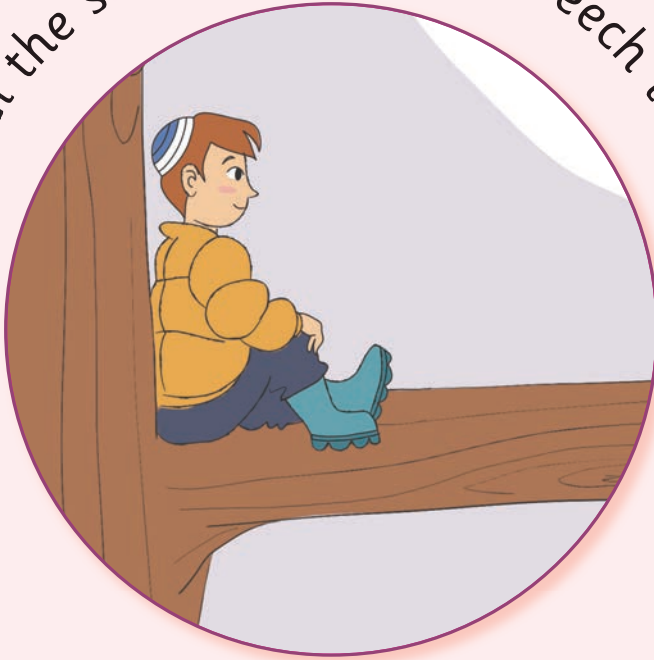
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Letters and Sounds

Phase 3

Feel the sun high up in the beech tree.



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