

National Institute of Open Schooling
Secondary Course - English
Lesson 4: Tall Trees
Worksheet – 4

1. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow:

When the dusk sends quickly
 The birds to rest
 The tall trees shelter them
 Safe in a nest

- i) Which line suggests that the trees are like caring guardians?
 - ii) Suggest another pair of rhyming words similar to rest-nest.
 - iii) Find a word similar in meaning to ‘refuge’.
2. Do you look at a tree and sometimes wonder about its features? Does it appear like a person to you in some manner? If the tree’s feet are its roots and the top its head, what do you think are its arms? Write what you feel in a line.
3. There is an interesting Indian connection to the oldest human planted tree in Sri Lanka. Spot the relevant information on page 53 and write two lines about the same.
4. Everyone leads a very busy life these days. No one seems to notice the beautiful things of nature. Think about it and write two possible reasons for it.

- i) _____
- ii) _____

5. Trees are important part of nature. We always hear how they are essential for us. Write your views about them? Give two main reasons why you consider them to be beneficial.

- i) _____
- ii) _____

6. Read the poem slowly and in your mind. Then read it aloud and with energy. What do you notice about the rhyming words? Write two ways in which rhyming words enrich the poem.

- i) _____
- ii) _____

7. Try your hand at personification! In the poem, the trees ‘watch’, ‘peep’ and ‘shelter’ like human beings do. Go ahead and think of two personifications yourself. (example- The sun smiled through his window.)

8. Trees are all around us. But do we know enough about them? Just think about three trees that you see every day in your locality. Are you sure you even know their names? Yes, most people don't know! So, go ahead and find out the names of at least three common trees in your area and write them here.

9. Do you have any special memory related to a tree? A tree that you have climbed, plucked fruit from or rested in its shade? Do share it and write 3-4 lines about it.

10. Monsoon is here, finally! Have you noticed something special about this season? Imagine you are a tree. Write 4-5 lines about how you feel at this time of the year. The pictures given below may aid your imagination!

