



Secret Life of Trees

1 Add some more labels to the picture on pages 6–7 to identify as many parts of the tree as you can.

Common Core State Standards (Reading: Informational text): RI.2.7

2 What different creatures can you see on pages 12–13?

Common Core State Standards (Reading: Informational text): RI.2.1

3 Write a small fact box to explain what is happening to the tree in the four pictures along the bottom of pages 14–15.

Common Core State Standards (Reading: Informational text): RI.2.7

4 Write a fact file comparing evergreen and broad-leaved trees.

Common Core State Standards (Reading: Informational text): RI.2.1

5 Add labels to the cones on pages 24–25 to explain how they change in different temperatures.

Common Core State Standards (Reading: Informational text): RI.2.7

6 Write a glossary entry for a term that you aren't familiar with from the book.

Common Core State Standards (Reading: Informational text): RI.2.4

Answers

- 1** Answers will vary. Example answer: trunk, leaves, branch.
- 2** birds' eggs, wasps, beetles, insects, badgers
- 3** Answers will vary. Example answer: As the weather gets colder, the tree's green leaves slowly turn yellow and brown and fall off the branches. By winter, there are no leaves left on the tree at all.
- 4** Answers will vary, but facts could include the following:
Broad-leaved trees: large flat leaves, wide spreading branches, loses leaves in the winter, new buds appear on the tree in the spring, seeds protected by shells
Evergreen trees: short sharp needles, bouncy branches, seeds protected by cones, found in cold climates
- 5** closed scales to protect the seeds from cold weather conditions; open scales in warm weather conditions
- 6** Answers will vary. Example answer:
tropical: belonging to the tropics where the weather is warm and wet