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Classic English Junior Level 3 - Unit 17 - Lesson 6

Reading Comprehension

The Oak Tree and the Reed



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You are going to learn:



Topic: Nature — The oak tree and the reed



Words: branch, break, weak, laugh at



Grammar: Verb + Adverb

Sing a Song

TWO LITTLE BLACKBIRDS

Two little blackbirds sitting on a hill.

One named Jack.

And one named Jill.

Fly away, Jack.

Fly away, Jill.

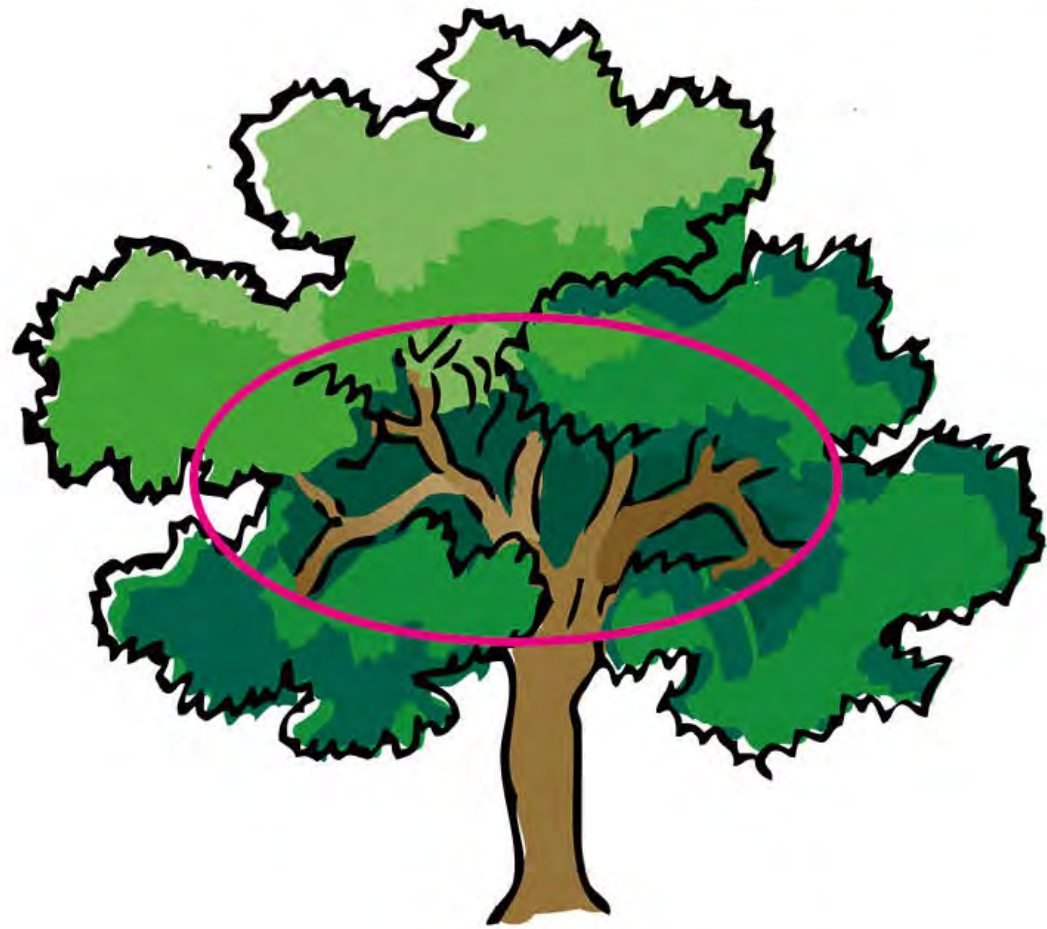
Come back, Jack.

Come back, Jill.

Let's prepare!



Vocabulary

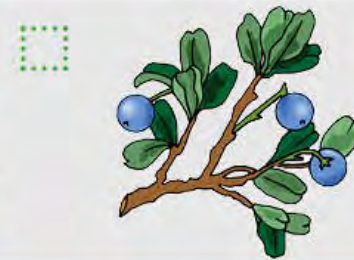


The tree is huge with long **branches**.

branch



Which picture shows branches?



Vocabulary



A glass bottle **breaks** easily if you are not careful.

break



Can a strong wind
break a tall tree?



Vocabulary



He was very **weak** after his illness.

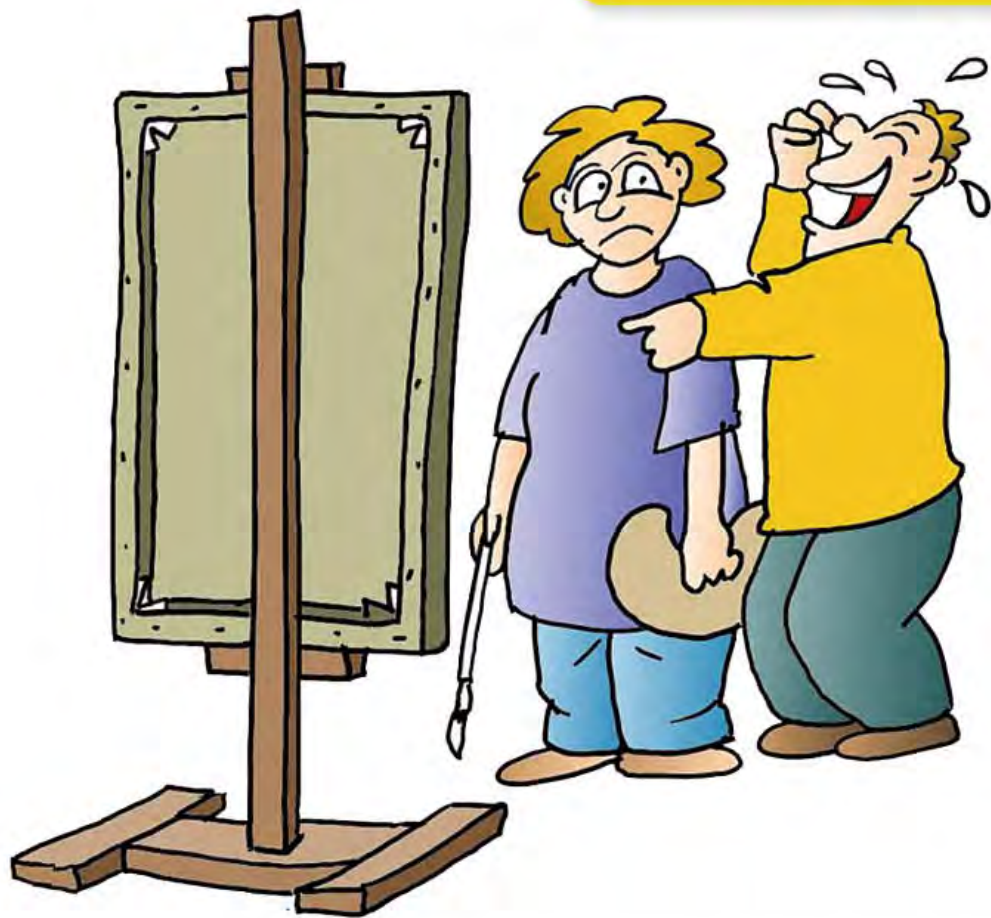
weak



Which picture shows
“weak”?



Vocabulary



It's impolite to **laugh at** others.

laugh at



Which picture shows
“laugh at”?



Grammar

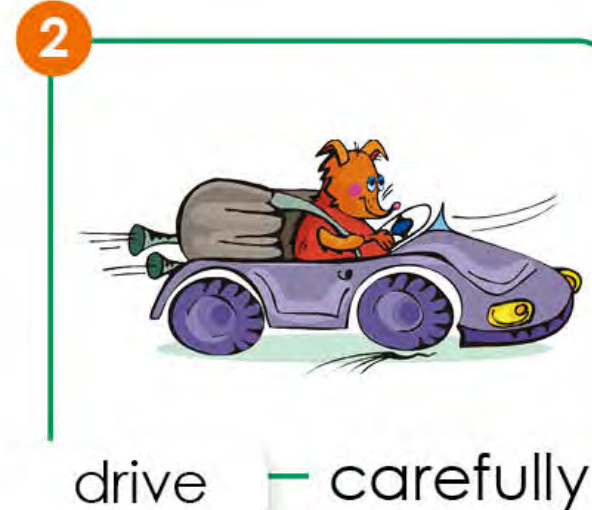


The small reed plant
moved quickly in the wind.

Verb +
Adverb

Verb

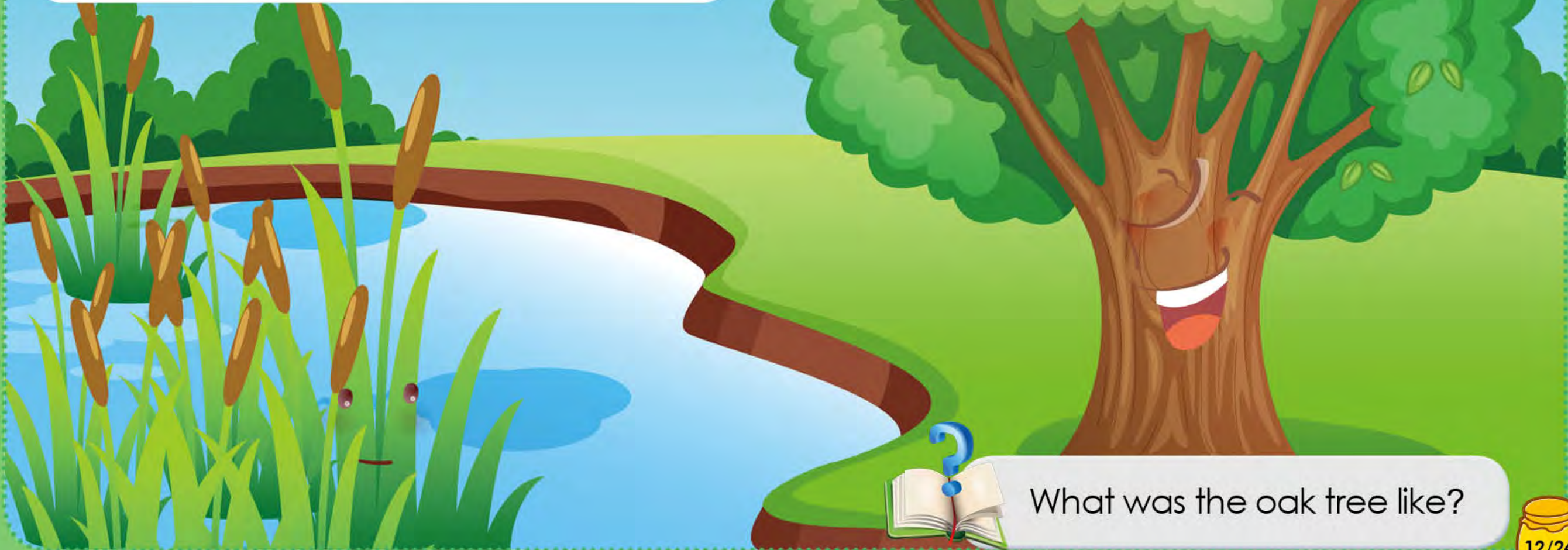
Adverb



Let's read!



Once there was an oak tree that was tall and strong. The oak tree was huge with long **branches**. He loved to boast about his strength to the small reed plant that was nearby.



What was the oak tree like?

“Nothing can **break** me!” the oak tree shouted.

The small reed plant answered: “Oh, mighty oak tree. You should not be so arrogant. What if you have a problem one day?”

The oak tree laughed.



What did the oak tree shout?

Suddenly, a strong wind blew. The small reed plant bowed its head to keep safe, but the oak tree stood straight. The oak tree laughed and said: "You are so **weak**! You bow your head to a little wind!"



What did the oak tree do when the reed plant bowed its head?

Then the wind blew even stronger. The oak tree laughed again, and then the small reed plant said: "Do not **laugh at** me! I am bowing, but I know that I will not break. You should be careful or you may have a problem!"



What did the small reed plant say to the big oak tree?

The oak tree shouted: "I do not need to be careful! I am strong. I do not bow!"

Then the wind blew its hardest.

The small reed plant **moved quickly** in the wind. The oak tree tried to laugh again, but this time it couldn't. The oak tree had snapped into two pieces.

Grammar

Verb + Adverb

Generally, adverbs are placed directly after the verbs they modify.

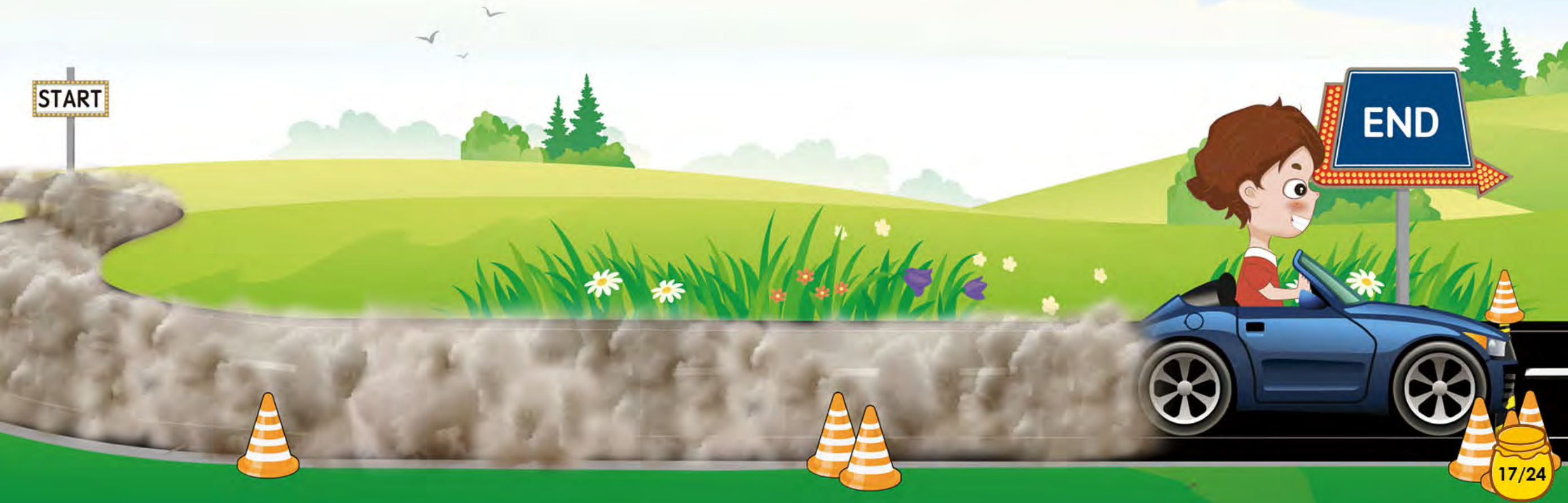
e.g. The weak woman is walking slowly.

Verb

Adverb

What happened to the oak tree?

Let's practice!



Activity

Match the correct words with the definitions and make sentences.

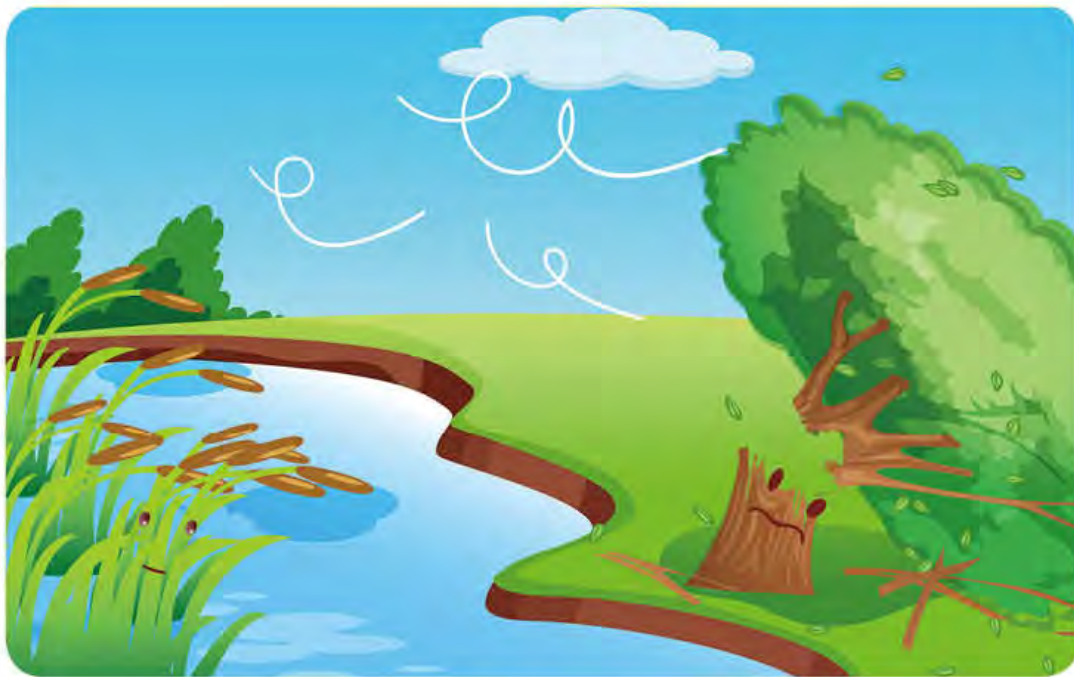


1. A part of a tree that grows out from the trunk.
2. Not powerful or easily broken.
3. To make unkind or funny remarks about someone.
4. Make something separate into two or more pieces.



Activity

Complete the form.



Hints: laugh at
branch
bow

moved quickly
broken
weak

	The Oak Tree	The Reed
Description	It was tall and strong with long ____.	It was small and ____.
Behavior	It _____ the small reed.	It _____ its head to keep safe.
Result	It was _____ into two pieces.	It _____ in the wind.

Activity

Match the facts.

The oak tree with long branches was arrogant.

We should laugh at others if they are weak.

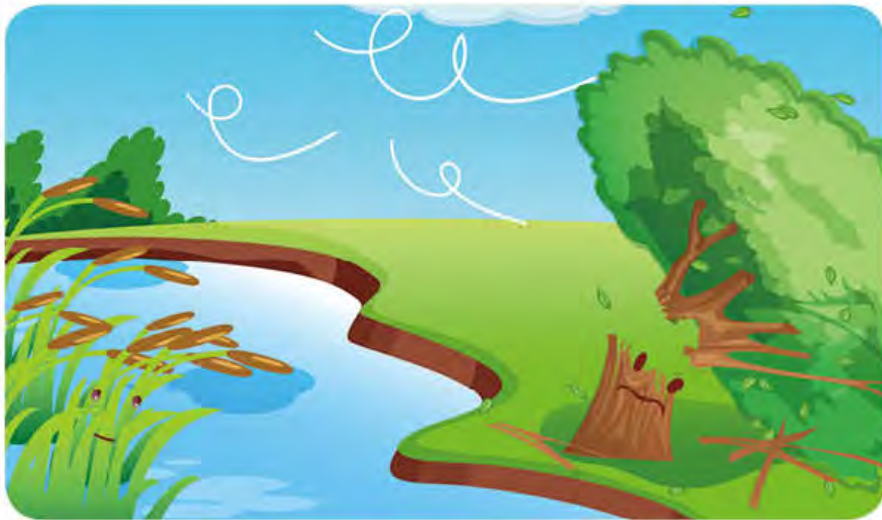
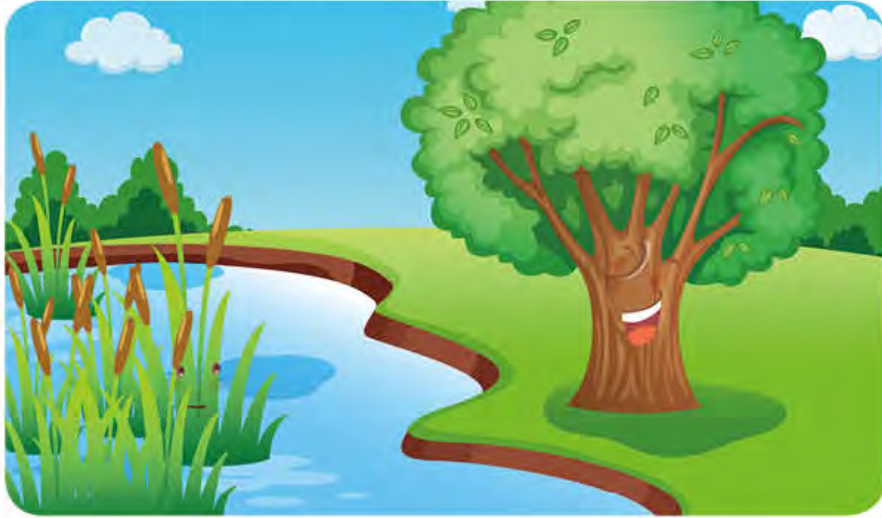
The oak tree didn't think the reed was weak.

It's better to bow than to break.



Writing Preparation

Prepare for your writing by answering the questions.



Let's talk!

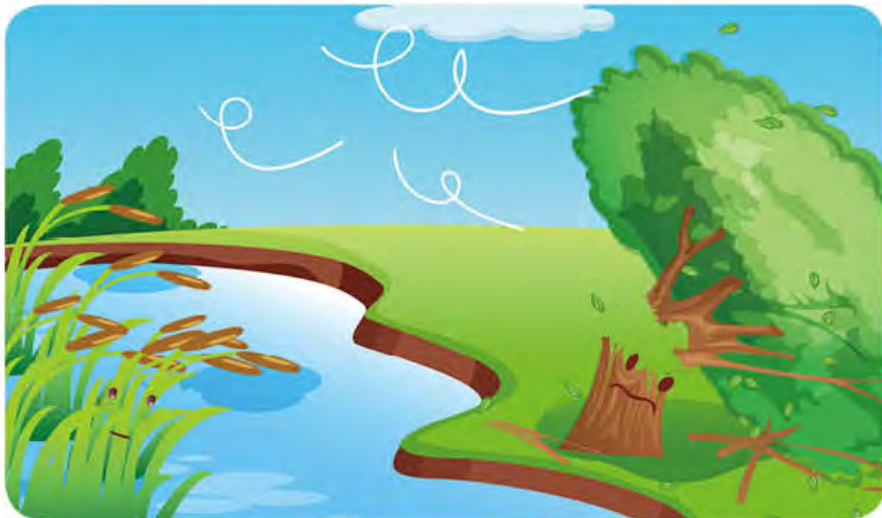
Who would you want to be, the oak tree or the small plant? Why?



Hints: bow break

Writing Project

Write a passage about your idea.



Hints: bow break

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Words

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-  weak
-  laugh at

Grammar



Verb + Adverb

e.g. The small
reed plant **moved**
quickly in the wind.

SEE YOU SOON!



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TALK

