

Cathy is reading a fable about a mango tree.

The Giving Tree

Once upon a time, a little boy loved to play near a mango tree. He climbed up the tree, ate the mangoes and took naps under its shadow. As the boy grew, he spent less time with the tree.

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One day, the boy came to the tree with a sad look on his face. ‘Come and play with me,’ said the tree. ‘No, I want toys. I need money to buy toys!’ The tree looked at the boy and said, ‘I’m sorry. I don’t have any money, but you can pick all my mangoes and sell them for money.’ The boy was very excited. He picked all the mangoes off the tree and left happily. Yet, the tree didn’t have the same feeling.

10 Years went by and the boy had grown into a man. He returned to the tree and said, ‘I’m too busy to play with you. I have to work for my family. We need a house for shelter. Can you help me?’ The tree was disappointed, ‘Sorry, I don’t have a house, but my branches may help.’ The man chopped off all the tree branches and **took off**. The tree felt lonely.

15 One hot summer day, the man returned and again cut the trunk off to make a boat. The man went sailing for a long time. He returned to the tree after many years. ‘Sorry, I don’t have anything for you anymore. I only have my dying roots left...’ said the **breathless** mango tree. The man replied, ‘I don’t need much now. I’m tired after all these years.’ ‘Good! Come and sit down with my roots and rest,’ said the tree.

20 The man finally sat down and the tree smiled.

Listen!




1. Circle the title.
2. Underline the classic opening phrase of a fable.



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A Choose the best answer by blackening the circle.

 1. In line 13, the man 'took off', which means he _____.

- A. went away quickly
- B. became disappointed
- C. cried tears of joy
- D. passed away

 2. The mango tree represents someone who _____ in real life.

- A. likes to rest
- B. becomes old and sick
- C. gives without asking for rewards
- D. makes friends with different people



You can tell a character's characteristics from what he or she does or says.

3. Which of the following figures of speech is mainly used in the fable?

- A. alliteration
- B. metaphor
- C. personification
- D. simile

B Answer the questions in complete sentences.

4. Read line 17. Why was the mango tree breathless?

5. Do you think the boy is good to the tree? Why?

C Answer the questions in short.

6. What did the boy ask for at the first time?



7. How did the mango tree feel when the boy spent little time with it?
