

Alpha Level3



We Need More Trees!



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Word Study

A Use the clues to unscramble the words.

<p>b r e a t h e eabthre</p> <p>to take air into the lungs and expel it</p>	<p>p l a n t tplna</p> <p>to place seeds or young plants in</p>
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Comprehension

D Read each statement. Check true or false.

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2. They found that they need more trees.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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4. The children sent a letter to the president.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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Word Box for 'Problem'

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Word Box for 'solution'

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Solution → The Mayor helped the children to plant more trees.

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Word Box

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Yoko and her friends wanted more trees because trees make the air. They asked the Mayor to help. They visited a nursery and voted to plant elm tree. They sent the report and photograph to the newspaper.

Word Box

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more trees plant photograph