

TALL TREES

LESSON OVERVIEW

L.No.	Title of the Lesson	Skills			Activity	Life Skills
		Listening/ speaking	Reading	Writing		
4	Tall Trees (Poem)	Reading the poem aloud with proper intonation	Read the poem silently with understanding	Article (narrative form)	Ethical treatment to nature – some Do's and Dont's	Establishing eco-sensitivity

SUMMARY

Nature can be felt and trees can be seen everywhere. One can see tall trees in forests, villages and mountain slopes. The poet says that the tall trees have their feet in the ground and their heads in the sky. They see the clouds passing by. This shows that the trees are really tall. In the evening, the sky darkens and the birds move to their homes in the trees for safety. During the night and by the light of the moon, the trees stay awake to keep a watch over the world as it sleeps.

The poet compares noble people to tall trees because they have a noble character which distinguished them from common people. They are rooted in the soil like trees. It means they are humble. And just as trees provide a caring shelter and refuge to some birds and animals, good people also show care and concern for the weak and protect them.

PRINCIPAL POINTS

- Nature is a pleasant picture of selfless care and protection.
- Nature adds to the beauty of our surrounding.
- It should be protected and not treated as a dustbin.
- Trees should be planted and not cut.
- Strong presence of nature can be felt everywhere.
- Recognise the value of caring and protection by nature.

LET'S LEARN NEW EXPRESSIONS

While reading literature readers often come across uncommon use of words or expressions where the intended meaning is different from the literal meaning of the expression/words.

The poet tries to show a similarity between tall trees and empowered human beings, e.g.

Their feet in the earth

Their heads in the sky

Human beings are strong, tall and powerful with their feet rooted to the ground, i.e. They are down to earth.

Safe in a nest

Like human beings, tall trees also provide comfort and shelter to all.

The tall trees peeping

On a world that's sleeping

Tall trees act as protectors in whose care one can have a safe and sound sleep. Human beings too become guardians in whose care one can live without any worry.

ENHANCE YOUR PERFORMANCE

Imagine yourself to be the oldest person in your colony. You feel that the park near your house has no greenery. Write an article to the Horticulture Department to provide some saplings to be planted in the park.

RHYMING WORDS

Poems often have rhyming words.

The last word of 1st and 3rd line or the 2nd and 4th line of each stanza in the poem ends with a similar sound.

The similar sounds lend a flow and a rhythm to the lines and make them easy to remember.

The similar sound at the end of the line is called rhyme.

- E.g. sky by
 rest nest
 peeping sleeping

TEST TYPES

1. MCQ/Objective type question (inference)

Which of the following statements is NOT CORRECT?

- A. Different elements of nature work in close association with each other.
- B. Presence of nature can only be felt near mountain ranges and rivers.
- C. Trees are valuable because they give us care and protection.
- D. Nature is symbolic of selfless care and protection.

2. VSA (understanding)

Where do the birds retire in the evening?

3. SA (understanding)

In the 2nd stanza, which two images has the poet created through personification?

4. LA (extrapolatory)

The poem 'Tall Trees' presents a picture of Nature's greatness. Explain in your own words citing examples from the poem.