Year 2 reading comprehension: Students Plant Trees by the Creek

English · Reading comprehension
Level: Medium

Student: _____ Date: _____

Instructions
- Read the text first. There are 5 questions. Read each one carefully.
- Circle the best answer. Look back at the text to find the words that tell you.
- A grown-up can read the text aloud — that's fine.
- The answers are at the end. Check them together when you have finished.

Questions

Read this, then answer questions 1–5.



Students Plant Trees by the Creek

By Hannah Cole, Wattle Valley News

On Friday, Year 2 students from Wattle Valley Public School planted 120 seedlings beside Mill Creek.

Seedlings are baby trees that have just started to grow.

Ranger Tom Davies showed the children how to dig each hole.

The seedlings are gum trees and wattles, which will give shade and homes for birds.

Their roots will hold the creek bank together, so the soil does not wash away in floods.

In three months, the class will return to water the trees and pull out weeds.

1. Who taught the children how to dig the holes?

Circle one answer.

○ **A** the Year 2 teacher ○ **B** Ranger Tom Davies

○ **C** Hannah Cole

2. Which trees did the children plant?

Circle one answer.

- ○ **A** gum trees and wattles
- ○ **B** gum trees
- ○ **C** wattles and ferns beside the creek

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3. Which newspaper printed this article?

Circle one answer.

- ○ **A** Hannah Cole
- ○ **B** Wattle Valley News
- ○ **C** Wattle Valley Public School

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4. Why are the roots useful beside the creek?

Circle one answer.

- ○ **A** so the soil does not wash away in floods
- ○ **B** so the creek is always full of clean water
- ○ **C** so birds have shade and homes

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5. What are seedlings?

Circle one answer.

- ○ **A** weeds that grow by the creek
- ○ **B** seeds in a packet
- ○ **C** baby trees that have just started to grow

Answer key

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1. B — Ranger Tom Davies

The text says: “Ranger Tom Davies showed the children how to dig each hole.” The text says ‘showed’; the question says ‘taught’.

2. A — gum trees and wattles

The text says: “The seedlings are gum trees and wattles, which will give shade and homes for birds.” There are two kinds of tree. The answer must name both.

3. B — Wattle Valley News

The text says: “By Hannah Cole, Wattle Valley News” The line under the headline names the writer and the newspaper.

4. A — so the soil does not wash away in floods

The text says: “Their roots will hold the creek bank together, so the soil does not wash away in floods.” ‘So’ points to the reason.

5. C — baby trees that have just started to grow

The text says: “Seedlings are baby trees that have just started to grow.”