

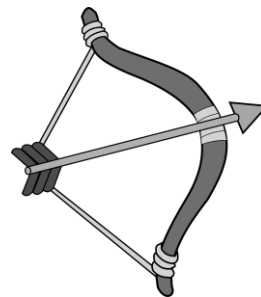
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Blended Learning Lesson

The Tree of Death

Vocabulary Preview



- Match the words on the left with the meanings on the right.

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|---------------|----------|--|
| 1. poison | <u>E</u> | A. poisonous |
| 2. sap | _____ | B. a thin sharp stick that is shot from a bow |
| 3. blister | _____ | C. a small area on the skin filled with liquid |
| 4. toxic | _____ | D. extremely serious |
| 5. vomit | _____ | E. something that can kill you if it gets in your body |
| 6. Indigenous | _____ | F. people who are native to an area of land |
| 7. arrow | _____ | G. to bring food back up from the stomach |
| 8. severe | _____ | H. the liquid from a plant (such as a tree) |

- Use the above words to complete the sentences. Use plural forms and past tense if necessary.

1. Don't eat that fruit! It's toxic!
2. _____ people have lived in South America for thousands of years.
3. My friend was brought to the hospital with a _____ injury.
4. Thousands of years ago, most people hunted with bows and _____.
5. I was very sick last night and I _____!
6. Jack burned his finger while cooking and now he has a _____.
7. Some trees have _____ that is very sticky.
8. Some plants contain _____ that can kill people.

- Choose any two of the above words and write your own sentences.

1. _____
2. _____

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The Tree of Death

Topic: Planet Earth

The Manchineel tree, found in tropical areas like the Caribbean and Florida, is both beautiful and very dangerous. With its shiny green leaves and small fruits that look like apples, it is often called the "tree of death." It is called this because of the **poison**¹ that affects nearly every part of the tree.



The tree's white **sap**² contains harmful things that can cause serious skin burns and **blisters**³. Even standing under the tree during rain is dangerous, as water can carry the **toxic**⁴ sap onto the skin, causing painful reactions. Its green fruits, which look delicious, are the most dangerous. Eating them can cause stomach pain, **vomiting**⁵, or even death, as cooking or drying the fruit does not remove its poison.

Historically, **Indigenous**⁶ people used the Manchineel tree's poison by putting it onto **arrows**⁷, turning them into deadly weapons. Today, however, people try to protect others from this tree. In many areas, signs and red markings painted onto the trees tell both tourists and locals to stay away.

Nevertheless, several dozen people experience **severe**⁸ skin injuries from this tree each year, often in popular tourist locations. While deaths are not so common due to better education and quick medical care, it is still very important to continue to tell people about this beautiful but deadly tree.

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Listening and Spelling Practice

The Tree of Death

- *Listen to the article and fill in each space with a missing vowel (a, e, i, o, u).*

The Manchineel tree, found in tropical areas like the Caribbean and Florida, is both beautiful and very dangerous. W__th __ts sh__ny gr__n l__v__s __nd sm__ll fr__ts th__t l__k l__k__ __ppl__s, __t __s __ft__n c__ll__d th__ "tr__ __fd__ __th." It is called this because of the poison that affects nearly every part of the tree.

The tree's white sap contains harmful things that can cause serious skin burns and blisters. __v__n st__nd__ng __nd__r th__ tr__ __d__rng r__ __n __s d__ng_r__s, __s w__t__r c__n c__rry th__ t__x__c s__p __nt__ th__ sk__n, c__ __s__ng p__ __nf__l r__ __ct__ __ns. __ts gr__n fr__ts, wh__ch l__k d__l__c__ __s, __r__ th__ m__st d__ng_r__s. __ __t__ng th__m c__n cause stomach pain, vomiting, or even death, as cooking or drying the fruit does not remove its poison.

Historically, Indigenous people used the Manchineel tree's poison by putting it onto arrows, turning them into deadly weapons. T__d__y, h__w__v__r, p__ __pl__ try t__ pr__t__ct __th__rs fr__m th__s tr__ __. __n m__ny areas, signs and red markings painted onto the trees tell both tourists and locals to stay away.

Nevertheless, several dozen people experience severe skin injuries from th__s tr__ __ __ch y__ __r, __ft__n __n p__p__l__r t__ __r__st l__c__t__ __ns. Wh__l__ d__ __ths __r__ n__t s__ c__mm__n d__ __ t__ b__tt__r __d__c__t__ __n __nd q__ __ck m__d__c__l c__r__ __, it is still very important to continue to tell people about this beautiful but deadly tree.

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Grammar Practice

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● **Choose the best words to complete the sentences.**

The Manchineel tree, found **(1)**_____ tropical areas like the Caribbean and Florida, is both beautiful and very dangerous. With **(2)**_____ shiny green leaves and small fruits that look like apples, it is often called the "tree of death." It is called this because of the poison that affects nearly every **(3)**_____ of the tree.

The tree's white sap contains harmful things that can **(4)**_____ serious skin burns and blisters. Even standing under the tree during **(5)**_____ is dangerous, as water can carry the toxic sap onto the skin, causing painful reactions. Its green fruits, which look delicious, are the most dangerous. Eating **(6)**_____ can cause stomach pain, vomiting, or even death, as cooking or drying the fruit does not remove its poison.

Historically, Indigenous people used the Manchineel tree's poison by putting it **(7)**_____ arrows, turning them into deadly weapons. Today, however, people try to protect **(8)**_____ from this tree. In many areas, signs and red markings **(9)**_____ onto the trees tell both tourists and locals to stay away.

Nevertheless, several **(10)**_____ people experience severe skin injuries from this tree each year, often in popular tourist **(11)**_____. While deaths are not so common due to better education and quick medical care, it is still very important to continue **(12)**_____ people about this beautiful but deadly tree.

1.

- (A) at
- (B) in
- (C) on

2.

- (A) its
- (B) it's
- (C) it

3.

- (A) part
- (B) parts
- (C) partly

4.

- (A) causes
- (B) because
- (C) cause

5.

- (A) rainy
- (B) rains
- (C) rain

6.

- (A) them
- (B) there
- (C) they're

7.

- (A) into
- (B) onto
- (C) to

8.

- (A) another
- (B) other
- (C) others

9.

- (A) painted
- (B) paints
- (C) paintings

10.

- (A) dozens
- (B) dozes
- (C) dozen

11.

- (A) located
- (B) locations
- (C) locations

12.

- (A) tell
- (B) to tell
- (C) tells

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How Much Do You Understand?

● *According to the article, write 'T' (True) or 'F' (False) next to each statement.*

1. _____ The Manchineel tree is found in nearly every part of the world.
2. _____ The Manchineel tree looks beautiful.
3. _____ It's best to stand under a Manchineel tree when it rains.
4. _____ It's best to cook the fruit of the Manchineel tree before eating it.
5. _____ Both tourists and local people should stay away from the tree.
6. _____ The Manchineel tree sometimes causes deaths.

Discuss

● *Discuss the following questions with your classmates.*

1. What three questions would you like to ask a person who was injured by the Manchineel tree?
2. Should humans try to destroy all the Manchineel trees? Why? / Why not?
3. Talk about a time when you saw a strange plant.

Write

● *Choose one of the above discussion questions. Write a short paragraph to answer it.*

Lesson "The Tree of Death"

Grammar Focus Tenses: present

Vocabulary 217 words

A1 words-62% / A2 words-12% / B1 words-11% / B2 words-9%

C1 words-0% / C2 words-1% / Off-List-4%

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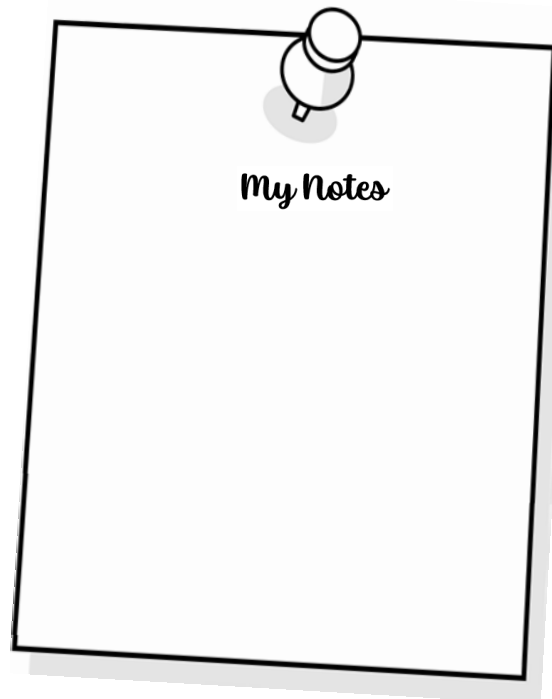


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ANSWER KEY Page 1

Vocabulary Preview

- 1. E 1. toxic
- 2. H 2. Indigenous
- 3. C 3. severe
- 4. A 4. arrows
- 5. G 5. vomited
- 6. F 6. blister
- 7. B 7. sap
- 8. D 8. poison



ANSWER KEY Page 4

Grammar (Article)

- 1. B 7. B
- 2. A 8. C
- 3. A 9. A
- 4. C 10. C
- 5. C 11. B
- 6. A 12. B

ANSWER KEY Page 5

How Much Do You Understand?

- 1. F 4. F
- 2. T 5. T
- 3. F 6. T

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