



## Year 3 Comprehension 19: The Talking Tree



Once upon a time, in a lovely forest, there stood a magical talking tree named Twiggy. Twiggy was not an ordinary tree; he had a special gift. He could speak and understand everything that happened around him.

Children from the nearby village loved to visit the forest and spend time with Twiggy. They would gather around him, their eyes wide with wonder, as Twiggy shared his wisdom and stories.

One sunny morning, a group of curious children, including Lucy, Timmy, and Emily, skipped their way to the forest. As they approached Twiggy, his branches swayed gently in the breeze, and his leaves shimmered like emeralds.

"Hello, children," Twiggy greeted them with a friendly voice. "What brings you to my humble abode today?"

"We've come to hear one of your fantastic stories, Twiggy!" Lucy exclaimed, her face beaming with excitement.

Twiggy smiled and began his tale. "Once upon a time, there was a little acorn named Archie. He dreamt of growing up to be a mighty oak tree just like me. Every day, Archie would soak up the sunshine and drink in the rain, hoping to grow big and strong."



The children listened intently as Twiggy continued. "One stormy night, a fierce wind blew through the forest. Archie clung to his branch, terrified of being swept away. But suddenly, the wind carried him far, far away from his home."

"Where did Archie go, Twiggy?" Timmy asked, his eyes wide with curiosity.

Twiggy paused for a moment and then replied, "Archie travelled across vast lands and over tall mountains until he reached a new forest. It was a place filled with unfamiliar creatures and plants. Archie felt scared and lonely."

Emily looked concerned. "Did Archie ever find his way back home?"

Twiggy nodded. "Yes, he did. One day, as Archie stood tall, reaching for the sunlight, he spotted a familiar tree in the distance. It was none other than his family tree, the place where he was born."

"Yay! That's wonderful!" Lucy exclaimed, clapping her hands.

Twiggy chuckled softly. "Indeed, it was a joyful reunion. Archie learned that no matter how far he had travelled, his roots would always guide him back to where he belonged."

The children sat in awe, taking in the beautiful lesson of the story. They thanked Twiggy for sharing his tale and promised to return soon.

As the children left the forest, Twiggy watched them go, his heart filled with happiness. He knew that his stories would inspire and teach many more children in the days to come.

And so, the magical talking tree, Twiggy, continued to stand tall, sharing his wisdom and spreading joy to all who came to listen, proving that even a little seed could grow into something extraordinary.



## Multiple Choice Questions

1. What is the name of the talking tree in the story?

- a) Archie
- b) Twiggy
- c) Lucy
- d) Timmy

2. What special ability does Twiggy, the talking tree, have?

- a) Singing
- b) Dancing
- c) Speaking and understanding
- d) Flying

3. Where did Archie, the little acorn, dream of growing up to be?

- a) A river
- b) A mountain
- c) A mighty oak tree
- d) A flower

4. How did Archie feel when he got carried away by the wind?

- a) Scared and lonely
- b) Excited and happy
- c) Brave and confident
- d) Confused and lost



5. What did Archie see in the distance when he reached the new forest?

- a) A family tree
- b) A tall mountain
- c) A river
- d) A field of flowers

6. What important lesson did Archie learn from his journey?

- a) Patience and perseverance
- b) How to climb trees
- c) How to swim in rivers
- d) How to fly with the birds

7. Who among the children asked about Archie's journey back home?

- a) Lucy
- b) Timmy
- c) Emily
- d) None of the above

8. How did the children feel when listening to Twiggy's story?

- a) Bored and uninterested
- b) Excited and curious
- c) Angry and upset
- d) Sleepy and tired



9. What did the children promise Twiggy before leaving the forest?

- a) To bring him food
- b) To never visit again
- c) To return soon
- d) To cut down his tree

10. What did Twiggy hope to achieve by sharing his stories?

- a) To become famous
- b) To make the children laugh
- c) To inspire and teach others
- d) To scare the children away



## Short Answer Questions

1. Who were the children that visited Twiggy?

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2. Where did Archie end up after being carried away?

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3. What happened to Archie during a stormy night?

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4. How did Twiggy feel when the children listened to his stories?

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5. What colour did Twiggy's leaves shimmer like?

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6. What did Archie soak up to grow big and strong?

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7. What did Twiggy promise to continue doing?

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8. What did Twiggy hope his stories would do for the children?

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9. What did Twiggy describe his abode as?

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10. How did Twiggy feel as the children left the forest?

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# Answer Key

## Multiple Choice Questions

1. b) Twiggy
2. c) Speaking and understanding
3. c) A mighty oak tree
4. a) Scared and lonely
5. a) A family tree
6. a) Patience and perseverance
7. d) None of the above
8. b) Excited and curious
9. c) To return soon
10. c) To inspire and teach others

## Short Answer Questions

1. Lucy, Timmy, and Emily
2. A new forest
3. He got carried away by the wind.
4. Happy and fulfilled
5. Emeralds
6. Sunshine and rain
7. Sharing his wisdom and stories
8. Inspire and teach them
9. His humble abode
10. Happy and content