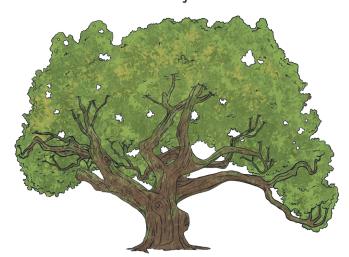
The Great Oak Tree

- 12 The great oak tree, rustled by the wind, stood in the middle
- 24 of the same field he had spent the past two hundred years
- in; he smiled.
- Although he had seen many things in his great lifetime,
- nothing made him feel as good as the first spring breeze
- for he knew what delights that breeze would bring with it.
- Soon, his great branches would be filled, once again, with
- green scalloped leaves. Once more, lambs, calves and their
- parents would use his great limbs as shelter from the
- sudden April showers.
- Although spring had only just begun, he could already
- hear the gentle tweet of new life starting in the branches
- that surrounded him and he felt content.







Quick Questions



1. Give one reason that the oak tree likes spring.



2. In this text, what does the word **content** mean?



3. How do you think the oak tree feels in the winter?



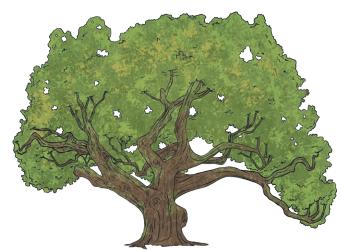
4. In the third paragraph, what do the animals think of the oak tree?





The Great Oak Tree

- 12 The great oak tree, rustled by the wind, stood in the middle
- 24 of the same field he had spent the past two hundred years
- 27 in; he smiled.
- 37 Although he had seen many things in his great lifetime,
- 48 nothing made him feel as good as the first spring breeze
- 59 for he knew what delights that breeze would bring with it.
- 69 Soon, his great branches would be filled, once again, with
- 78 green scalloped leaves. Once more, lambs, calves and their
- 88 parents would use his great limbs as shelter from the
- 91 sudden April showers.
- 100 Although spring had only just begun, he could already
- 111 hear the gentle tweet of new life starting in the branches
- 118 that surrounded him and he felt content.







Answers



1. Give one reason that the oak tree likes spring.

Accept answers which have drawn on points

made in the third or fourth paragraphs, such as:

The oak tree likes spring because he feels content
when he hears tweeting in the branches.



 In this text, what does the word content mean?
 Accept appropriate synonyms, such as: calm; happy



3. How do you think the oak tree feels in the winter?

Accept answers which compare it to the spring,
such as: I think he feels sad because there are
no baby animals; He doesn't like it because he
has no leaves.



4. In the third paragraph, what do the animals think of the oak tree?

Accept answers which reference the oak tree keeping them dry, such as: The animals like the oak tree because he protects them from the April showers.



