

The Great Oak Tree

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59 for he knew what delights that breeze would bring with it.

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88 parents would use his great limbs as shelter from the
91 sudden April showers.

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Quick Questions



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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.



2. 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.