

Special Trees Around the World

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Level 20

Running Words 596 **Text Type** Information Report

Curriculum Areas English (Literacy, Literature, Language); Humanities (Geography); Science (Biological Sciences)

Retelling to Encourage Critical Thinking About the Content

Ask each student to retell the information report in their own words.
Record the retelling for further discussion and reflection.

Questions to Reinforce Meaning and Stimulate Discussion

Literal

- 1 What are the tallest trees in the world?
- 2 Why are baobab trees often called 'bottle trees'?
- 3 Where do cherry blossom trees grow?

Inferential

- 4 Why do redwood trees need a lot of water to grow?
- 5 Why did scientists think the Wollemi pines had died out?
- 6 Why was it so important to save the secret forest of Wollemi pines?
- 7 What does it mean for trees to 'grow wild'?
- 8 Why are coconut palms called 'island hoppers'?

Applied Knowledge

- 9 How did keeping the Wollemi pines wet save them from the bushfires?
- 10 Why are trees so important to the world we live in?

Links with Other PM Guided Reading Books

Level 20	Explanation	<i>Why Animals Hibernate</i>
Level 20	Information Report	<i>Animals of the Rainforest</i>
Level 20	Explanation	<i>What Is Soil?</i>
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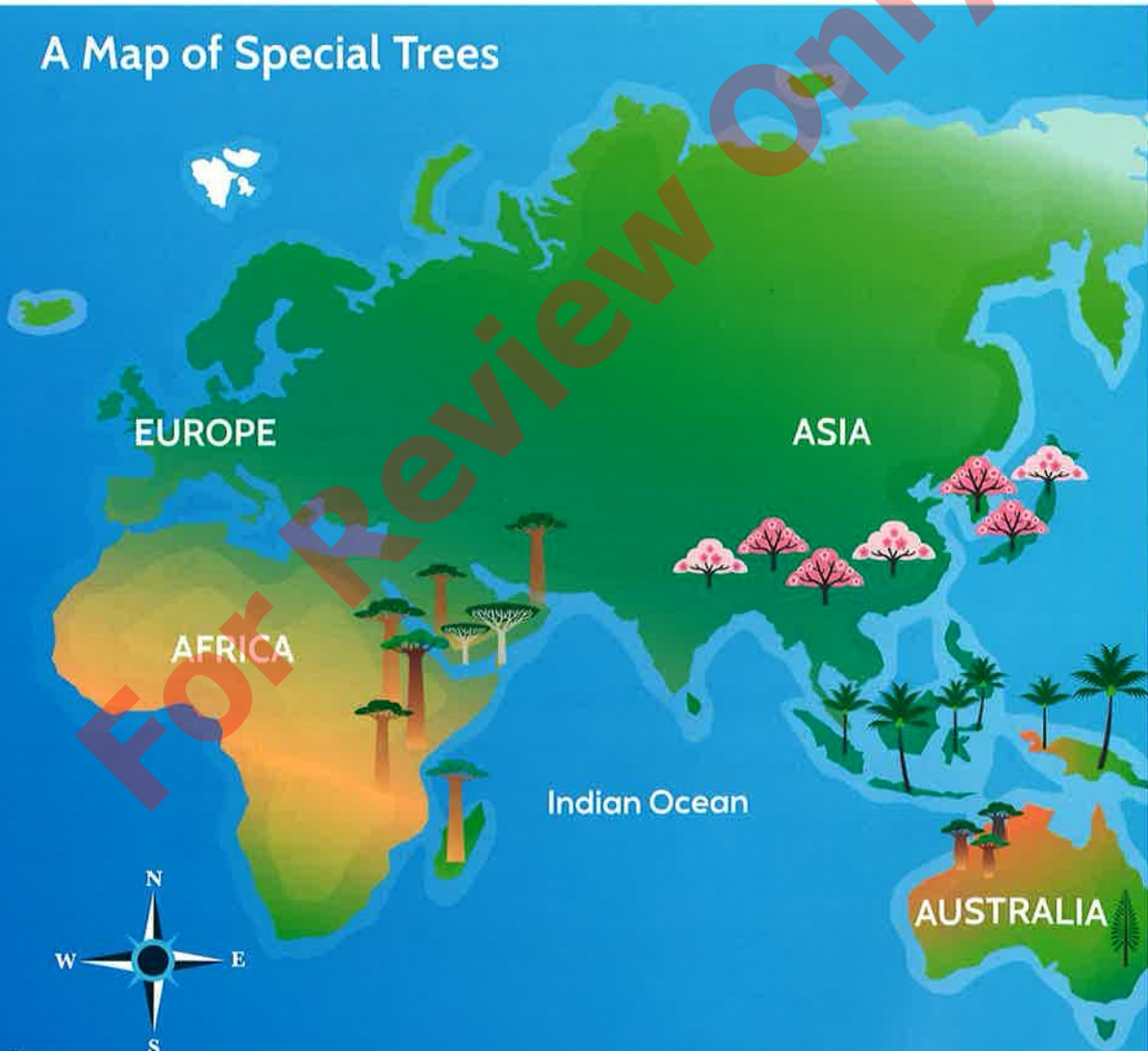
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Special Trees

Some kinds of trees are special.

Special trees grow in many places around the world.

A Map of Special Trees



Some of these special trees are very tall
or quite **rare**.
Others look strange or beautiful.



Redwoods

The towering redwood trees grow in North America, in some forests near the sea.

They are the tallest trees in the world.

These enormous trees can live for a very long time.

Many of them are hundreds of years old, but some live to be more than 2000 years old.



Redwoods grow in North America, in the states of California and Oregon in the USA.



For Review Only

Redwood trees need a lot of water to grow.
It does not rain much in the forests
during summer,
but the trees have a special way
of getting enough water.
Their branches and leaves trap fog
that rolls in from the sea.
The water from the fog keeps the trees healthy.

In the past, many old redwood trees were cut down
and the wood was used for making buildings.

