

Level
4

Tree House

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Hello there! We're the Miller family, and we're going to build something special! Want to see it for yourself ?



“Hey, look at all this wood!” said Ryan.
“This is the wood we used to fix the fence last year,” said Dad.
“Why don’t we make something?”
suggested Rylie.



“How about a tree house?”
said Dad.

“A tree house! That’s a
great idea!” said Ryan.



THINK

Besides a tree house,
what can you make
by using the wood?



“What tools do we need to make a tree house?” asked Rylie.

“We need a hammer, a saw, some nails, gloves, and goggles,” said Ryan, waving the hammer in the air.

“Be careful with that hammer, Ryan!” warned Dad. “It’s not a toy.”



POINT

Where are the hammer, saw, and nails? What can you do with these tools?

They carried all the wood and tools into the backyard.





Mom came out of the house.

“I heard noises,” she said.

“What’s going on?”

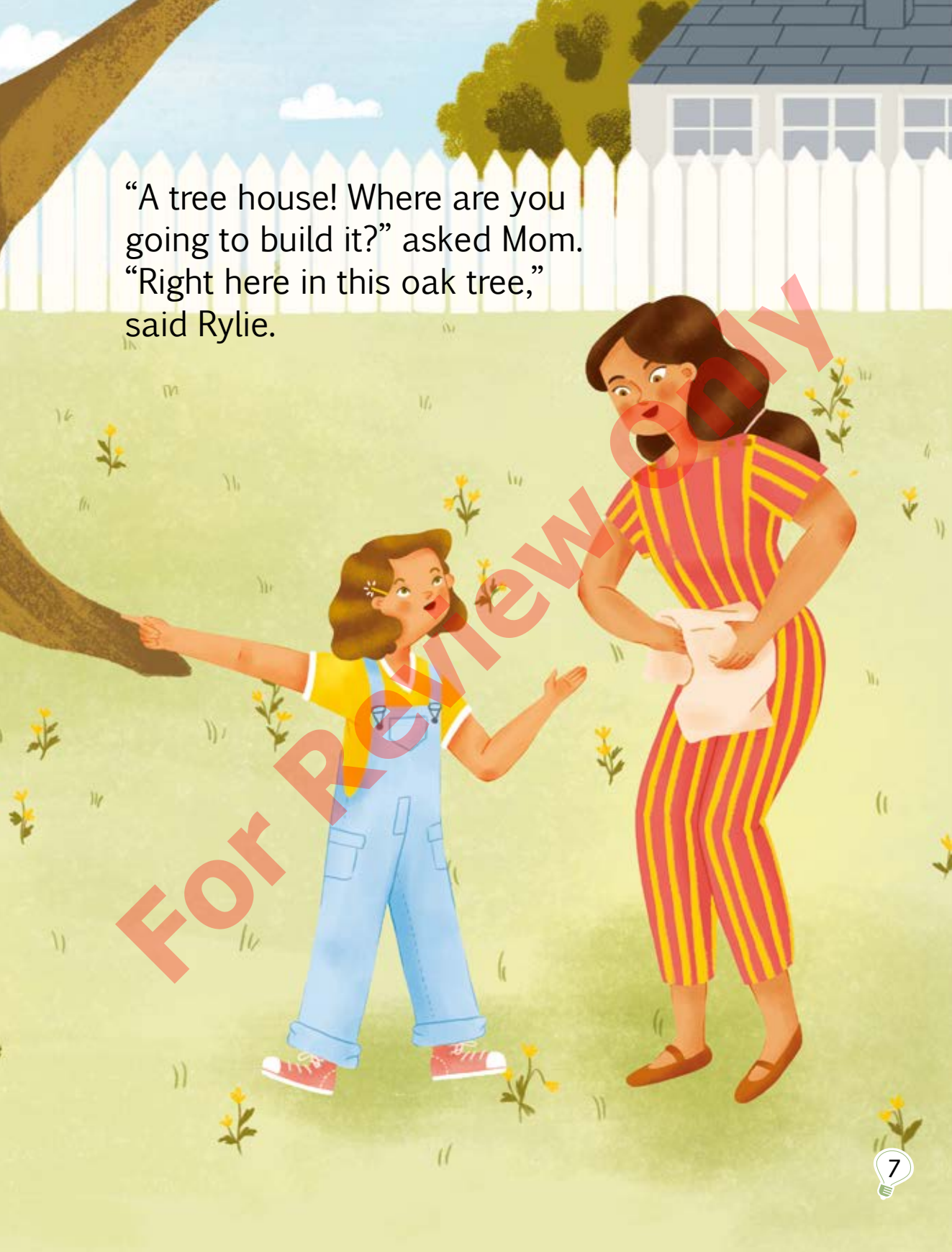
“We’re building a tree house,”
said Ryan.



LOOK

What are the two things
Ryan is wearing to keep
himself safe while working?

“A tree house! Where are you going to build it?” asked Mom.
“Right here in this oak tree,” said Rylie.

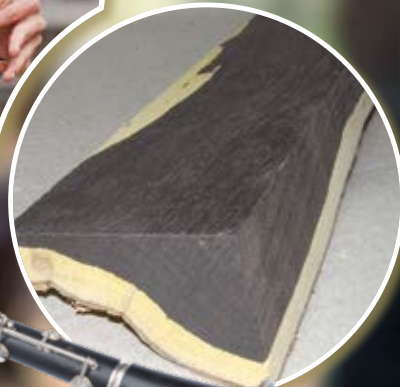




Wood You Believe It?

Wood has been on Earth for at least 400 million years. Humans have long used it to build houses, furniture, tools, and even wheels. Since it's often used to make boats, many people think all wood floats.

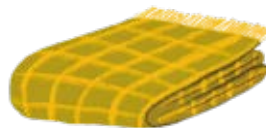
There are, however, seventeen types of wood that actually sink in water. One of these is the very rare and expensive African blackwood. A single log costs about US\$9,000, and it's mostly used to make musical instruments like bagpipes and clarinets.



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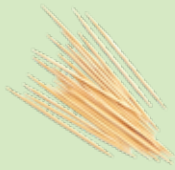


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Real Tree House

You will need:



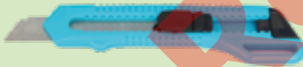
toothpicks



a piece of cardboard



a glue gun



a cutter knife



popsicle sticks



2 small but strong tree branches



- Use a piece of cardboard, toothpicks, and popsicle sticks to make a 3D tree house.