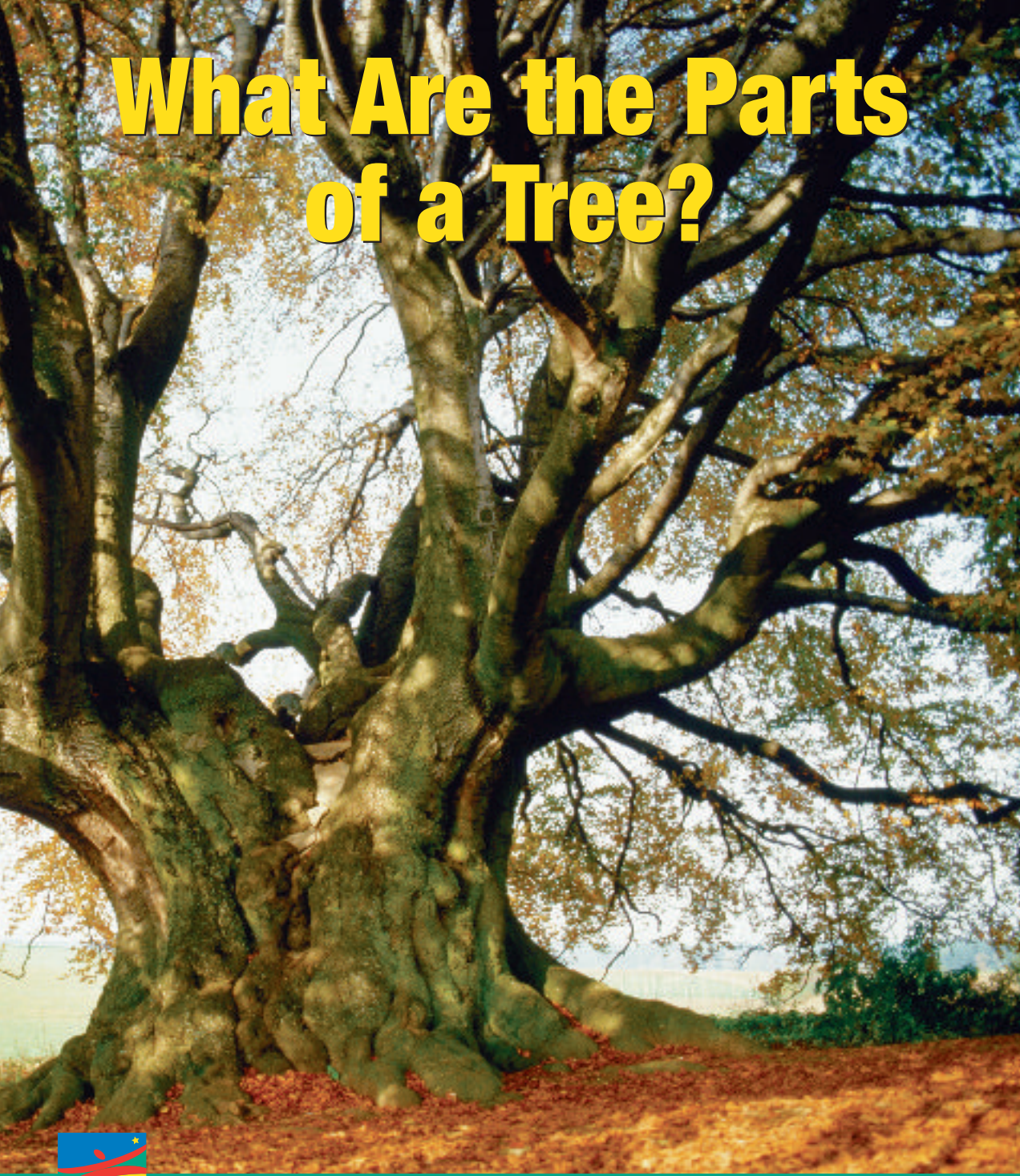
What Are the Parts of a Tree?



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The Big Idea

This book is about the parts of a tree and how the parts work together to help the whole tree grow.

Skills at a Glance

Monitor-Reading:
- Stop, think, and write

Comprehension:
- Summarize information

Phonics:
- Long o digraph (below, grow, know)

Fluency:
- Read question marks

Content Vocabulary:
- bark, branches, buds, flowers, leaves, parts, plant, roots, soil, tree, trunk

Grammar, Word Study, and Language Development:
- Use sequence words (first, then)
- Use synonyms (brings/carry, hold/supports)

Sentence Patterns:
- A ___ has ___.
- The ___ help ___.

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I need to know these words.

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branches



leaves



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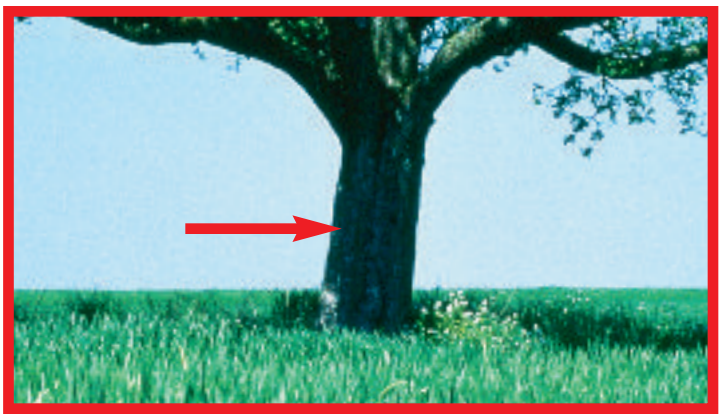
roots



tree



trunk



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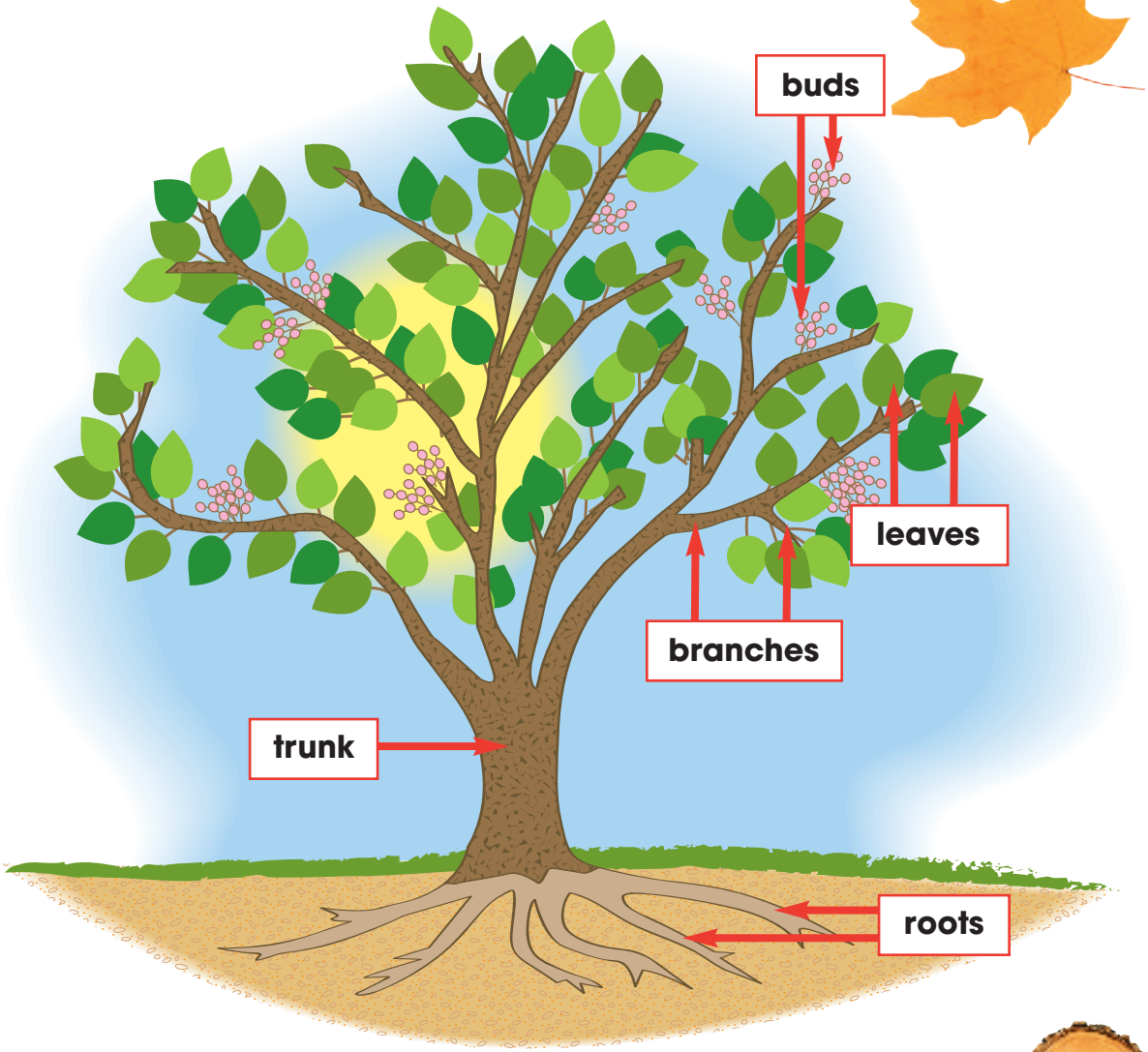
How do you climb a tree? First you climb the trunk. Then you climb the branches.



▲ This boy climbs a tree.

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A tree is a big plant. A tree has many parts. The parts help a tree grow.



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What Do the Roots Do?

A tree has roots. Some roots grow below the ground. The roots help the tree.



▲ The roots grow in the ground.

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The roots hold the tree in the soil.
The roots carry water from the soil.
The roots help the whole tree grow.



▲ The roots also grow to the sides.

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How Does the Trunk Help the Tree?

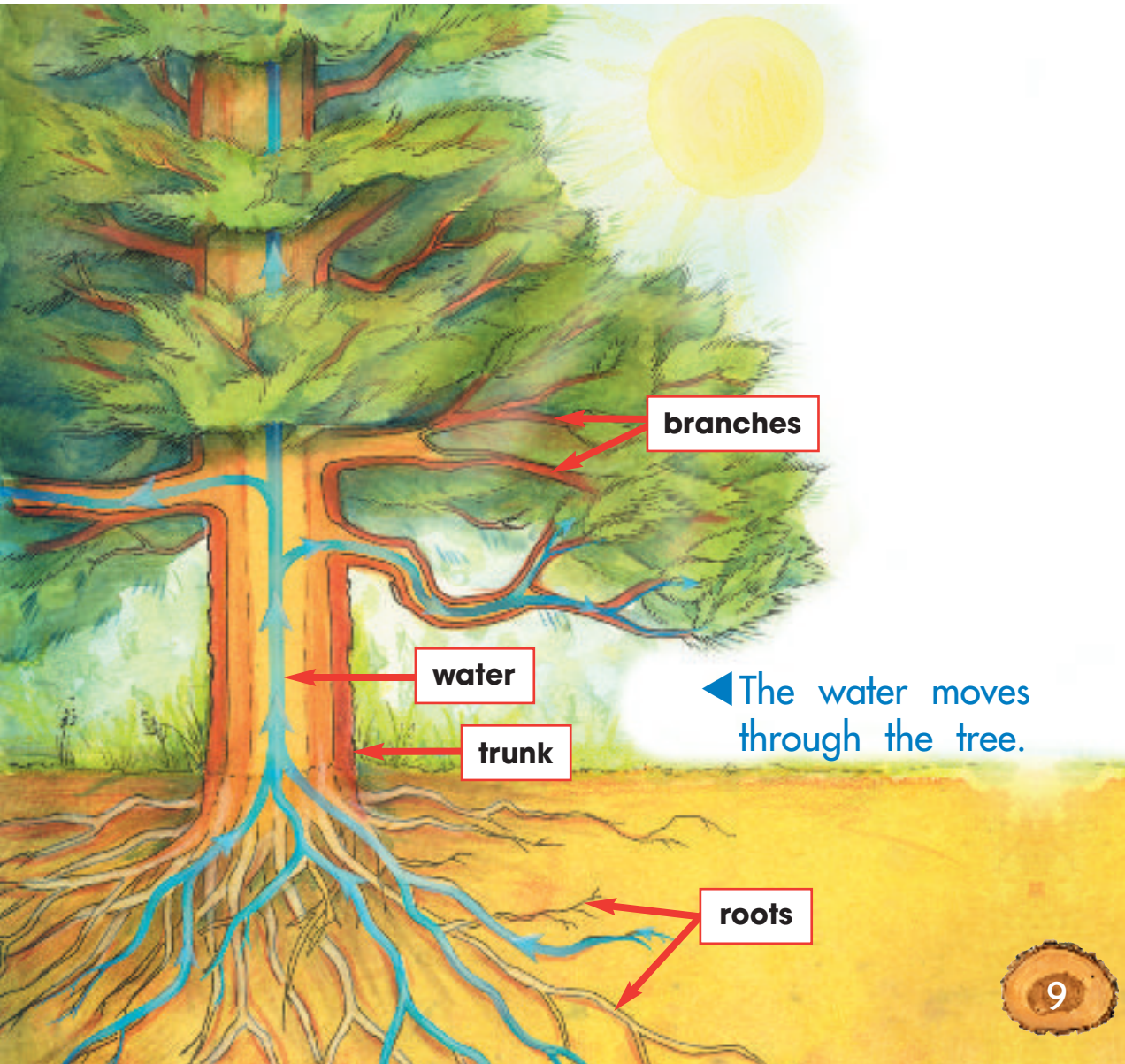
The trunk is the biggest part of a tree.
The trunk supports the branches.
The branches grow from the trunk.



▲ A healthy tree grows every year.

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The trunk gets water from the roots. Then the trunk brings water to the whole tree.



◀ The water moves through the tree.