Who, What, Where, When, Why, and How

Grade 4 Reading Worksheet

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Read the story. Circle the answer to each question.

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   sweet fruit tree sap maple leaves tree bark

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   bakers tree doctors farmers park workers

3. Where is the sap boiled?

   on the trunk in a kitchen in a sugar house in a barn

4. When does the sap start to flow?

   midsummer early fall late winter late spring

5. Why do farmers hang a bucket?

   to scare birds to catch the sap to measure rain to feed the tree

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   They peel bark. They shake it. They cut it down. They drill a hole.

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   thick, golden syrup clear, cold sap hot salty water dry brown bark

8. How long is the sap boiled?

   for a few seconds for one minute for many hours for two weeks

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