

Where Are the World's Oldest Trees?



Reading Comprehension

Which of the five old trees below is the oldest? Use this week's news story to help you figure that out. Write the number 1 on the line next to the oldest tree's name. Write 2 next to the tree that is second oldest. Write 3, 4, and 5 next to the third, fourth, and fifth oldest trees.

- _____ Giant Sequoia
- _____ Bristlecone Pine
- _____ Alerce
- _____ Sugi
- _____ Huon Pine

Each fact below tells about one of the five trees listed above. Write the name of the tree next to each fact that tells about it.

- _____ 1. It grows in Chile, which is in South America.
- _____ 2. This tree grows in a secret location.
- _____ 3. It is a member of the family of trees known as redwoods.
- _____ 4. This tree grows in eastern California.
- _____ 5. For many years, it was cut down for its beautiful wood.
- _____ 6. It looks quite similar to the giant sequoia.
- _____ 7. This tree grows in Japan.
- _____ 8. Many years ago, this tree's wood was used as money.
- _____ 9. It is the world's oldest tree.
- _____ 10. This tree grows on the island of Tasmania.

Language Practice: Word Use

Circle the bold word that fits best in each sentence.

- 1. Scientists "core" a tree so they can estimate (**its** **it's**) age without harming the tree.
- 2. The oldest known flowering tree was (**planting** **planted**) about 2,300 years ago.
- 3. The fresh bark of the bristlecone (**are** **is**) bright orange-yellow.
- 4. The alerce (**is** **was**) logged for many years.
- 5. The sugi and the sequoia are similar, but sugi trees (**has** **have**) smaller cones.