

# THE FRIENDLY TREE



*Silly Sounds*  
& SCRIBBLES  
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Little-Gent Jimmy flew his kite up high;  
He laughed as it soared across the sky.  
But then it flew too high you see,  
And got tangled in a tree.



The Tree said,

**"OH SMALL CHILD,  
SO SWEET AND MILD,  
WHY SO SAD, WHY SO BLUE?  
TELL ME WHAT'S UPSETTING YOU;  
COME AND TALK TO ME,  
I'M A FRIENDLY TREE..."**

Little-Gent Jimmy said,

"My kite got stuck when the wind got wild!"

The Tree grinned,

**"COME CLOSER AND I'LL HELP YOU REACH IT, CHILD..."**



So the little boy reached up for his little kite...  
Closer...



Closer...



Closer...



Then The Tree snapped up Jimmy in a single bite!



Teeth went **CRACK!**

Bones went **SNAP!**

Blood dripped...

**TAP.**

**TAP.**

**TAP.**



Soft-Soul Susie and her guests had a party on a hill;  
They all drank imaginary tea until they'd had their fill.  
But then she bumped her favourite teddy bear you see;  
It went backwards down a hill and stopped beside a tree.



The Tree said,

"OH SMALL CHILD,  
SO SWEET AND MILD,  
WHY SO SAD, WHY SO BLUE?  
TELL ME WHAT'S UPSETTING YOU;  
COME AND TALK TO ME,  
I'M A FRIENDLY TREE..."

Soft-Soul Susie said,

"My favourite teddy tumbled down the hill!"

The Tree grinned,

"COME CLOSER AND I'LL HELP YOU  
FIND THE BEAR, I WILL..."



So the little girl went closer looking for her bear...  
Closer...



Closer...



Closer...



Then The Tree tore her head off out the air!



Teeth went **CRACK!**

Bones went **SNAP!**

Blood dripped...

**TAP.**

**TAP.**

**TAP.**



Flash-Fast Franny was kicking footy with her team;  
She was fitter than a fiddle and never out of steam.  
But then Fran kicked the ball too high you see,  
And it landed in the branches of a tree.



The Tree said,

"OH SMALL CHILD,  
SO SWEET AND MILD,  
WHY SO SAD, WHY SO BLUE?  
TELL ME WHAT'S UPSETTING YOU;  
COME AND TALK TO ME,  
I'M A **FRIENDLY** TREE..."

Flash-Fast Franny said,

"I kicked too high and lost our ball!"

The Tree grinned,

"PERHAPS I CAN HELP — I AM VERY, **VERY** TALL..."



So she walked closer looking for her ball...  
Closer...



Closer...



Closer...



Then The Tree gobbled her up boots and all!



Teeth went **CRACK!**

Bones went **SNAP!**

Blood dripped...

**TAP.**  
**TAP.**  
**TAP.**



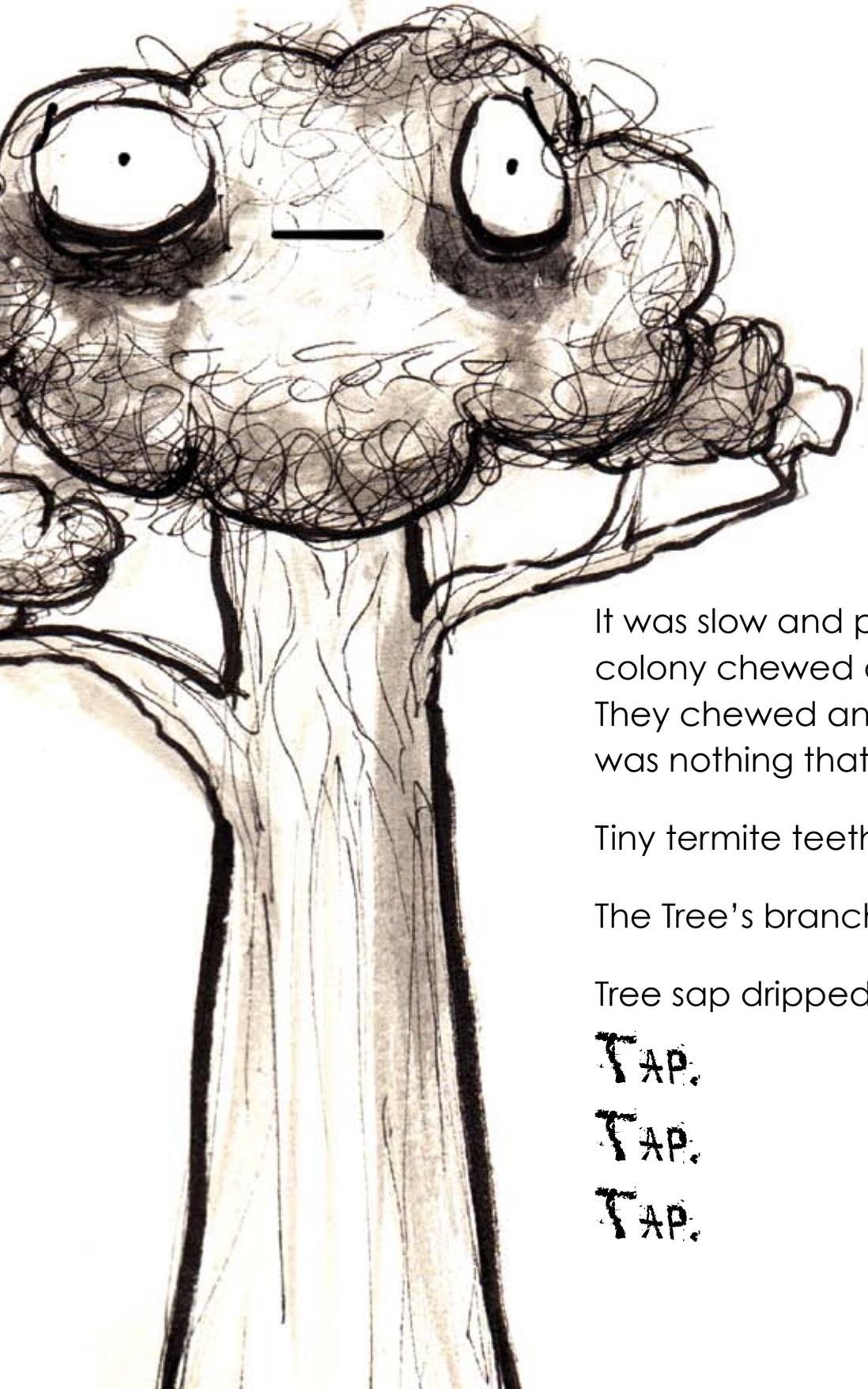


Grub-Guts Gary was digging through the ground;  
Picking up and keeping every single bug he found.  
Gary loved collecting creepy crawlie things you see,  
And was so focused on the dirt he did not see The Tree...



**WHAT LOVELY LUCK** thought The Tree as the boy neared...  
Then The Tree's teeth flashed and Gary disappeared!

A few hours after eating Grub-Guts Gary,  
The Friendly Tree started feeling rather funny...  
It started with a stomach ache,  
But then his branches began to burn and shake.  
Amongst the bugs Gary had collected up you see,  
Were a dozen termites that had begun to eat The Tree!



It was slow and painful as the termite colony chewed and grew,  
They chewed and chewed and there was nothing that The Tree could do!

Tiny termite teeth went **CRACK!**

The Tree's branches went **SNAP!**

Tree sap dripped...

**TAP.**

**TAP.**

**TAP.**



# THE FRIENDLY TREE QUESTIONS DAY 1

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## Where did the Friendly Tree come from?

Your sentence should start with:

I think The Friendly Tree came from \_\_\_\_\_

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## Would you believe The Tree's promise to help you?

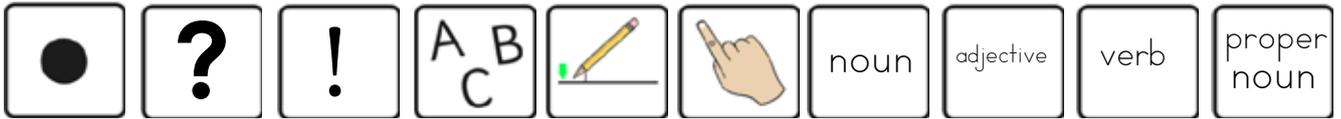
Your sentence should start with:

I would/wouldn't believe The Tree because \_\_\_\_\_

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## THE FRIENDLY TREE QUESTIONS DAY 2



### Do you like The Friendly Tree?

Your sentence should start with:

I do/don't like The Friendly Tree because \_\_\_\_\_

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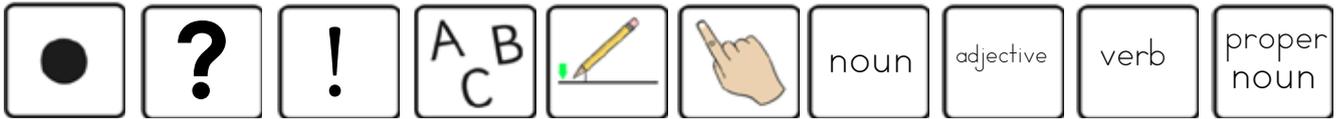


### How could you defend yourself against a Friendly Tree?

Your sentence should start with:

You could defend yourself by \_\_\_\_\_

Handwriting practice lines consisting of three sets of horizontal lines: a solid top line, a dashed middle line, and a solid bottom line.



**How would you convince someone that you really had seen a tree that eats children?**

Your sentence should start with:

I would convince someone by \_\_\_\_\_

Four sets of horizontal writing lines, each consisting of a solid top line, a dashed middle line, and a solid bottom line.

## ILLUSTRATION CHALLENGE

Tiny termite teeth went

**CRACK!**

Branches went **SNAP!**

Tree sap dripped...

**TAP.**

**TAP.**

**TAP.**