



## NON-NATIVE TREES

Trees are said to be 'non-native' if, at some time in the past, they were brought into this country by human beings.



### APPLE

Height: up to 10 metres.

Life span: up to 100 years.

Appearance: bark is grey with bumps, cracks and ridges. Leaves are oval and dark green, and slightly furry underneath. (Not to be confused with the crab apple, which is a native tree.)

Flowers: in May and June, clusters of 5-petalled flowers appear and are white and pink. These clusters are called *blossom*. They are pollinated by insects and produce green or red fruits in autumn. Brown seeds are found inside.

Location: originally from Central Asia, apple trees are found in gardens and orchards.

Special notes: Vikings linked the apple to eternal youth. In Greek myths, the apple was a forbidden fruit.



### MONKEY PUZZLE

Height: up to 30 metres.

Life span: 1000 years, although, in our climate, up to 150 years. They were brought here from Chile in 1795.

Appearance: an evergreen tree with a dome-shape at the top and with drooping branches. It has a thick, brownish-purple trunk. Leaves are leathery, spiny and triangular.

Flowers: male and female flowers grow on separate trees. They are pollinated by the wind and produce golden cones.

Location: they are planted for decoration in parks and gardens.

Special notes: Victorians called them Monkey Puzzle trees, because they thought monkeys would be puzzled trying to climb one.

It is said that if you talk as you walk underneath a Monkey Puzzle, you will grow a monkey's tail.

1. Draw two lines connecting each tree with the colour of its bark.

apple	green
monkey puzzle	brownish-purple
	grey

2. Which tree has leaves shaped like triangles?

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3. What is blossom?

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4. After pollination, which tree produces fruit that we eat?

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5. How did the Monkey Puzzle get its name?

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6. Which tree came from Central Asia?

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7. A myth is linked to the Monkey Puzzle tree. What is it?

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