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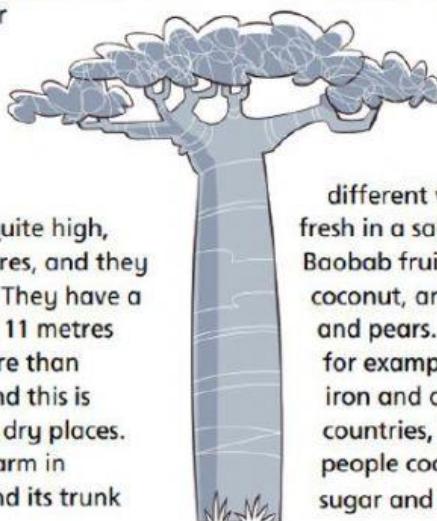
READING COMPREHENSION

1. Read and write T (true) or F (false).

BAOBAB, THE UPSIDE-DOWN TREE

Baobab are beautiful trees in Africa and Australia. People also call them 'bottle trees' or 'upside-down trees' because of their shape. They haven't got leaves for many months of the year and so their branches look like roots in the air; the tree is upside-down. There are eight different species.

Baobab trees can grow quite high, between five and 30 metres, and they live for a very long time. They have a very big trunk – seven to 11 metres all round. It can hold more than 100,000 litres of water and this is because they live in very dry places. There's one in Sunland Farm in Limpopo, South Africa and its trunk



is 47 metres wide! People think it's 6,000 years old! It's 22 metres high and people can walk around inside its trunk. Tourists can have a drink or something to eat inside the tree and, of course, take pictures.

People in Africa use the leaves and fruit from these trees in different ways. They eat the leaves fresh in a salad or cooked in soups. The Baobab fruit is quite big, the size of a coconut, and it tastes like grapefruit and pears. It contains many nutrients, for example, Vitamins B and C, iron and calcium. In some African countries, like Kenya and Tanzania, people cook the Baobab seeds with sugar and have it for a snack.

- 1 The roots of a Baobab tree are in the air.
- 2 There are different types of Baobab.
- 3 The tree in Limpopo is 22 metres wide.
- 4 The fruit from a Baobab is bigger than a coconut.
- 5 The Baobab fruit isn't good for your health.