

Once there was a _____...and she loved a little _____.

And every _____ the boy would come and he would gather her _____ and make them into _____ and play _____ of the forest.

He would _____ up her trunk and _____ from her branches and _____ apples.

And they would _____ hide-and-_____ -seek.

And when he was tired, he would _____ in her shade.

And the boy loved the tree...

And the tree was _____.

But time went by.

And the boy grew older.

And the tree was often _____.

Then one day the boy _____ to the tree and the tree said, "Come, Boy, _____ and climb up my trunk and swing from my branches and eat _____ and play in my shade and be happy."

"I _____ too big to climb and play," said the _____.

"I want to _____ things and have fun. I want some _____. Can you give me some money?"

"I'm sorry," said the tree, "but I have _____ money. I _____ only leaves and apples. Take my apples, Boy, and sell _____ in the city. Then you will have money and _____ will be happy."

And so the boy climbed up the tree and gathered her apples and carried them _____.

And the tree was happy.

"I am too _____ to climb trees," said the boy. "I want a _____ to keep me warm," he said. "I want a wife and I want _____, and so I need a house. Can you _____ me a house?"

"I have no house," said the tree. "The _____ is my house, but you may cut off my branches and _____ a house. Then you will be happy."

And so the boy _____ off her branches and carried _____ away to build his house.

And the tree was happy.

But the boy stayed away for a _____ time. And when he came back, the tree was so happy she _____ hardly speak. "Come, Boy," she whispered, "come and _____."

"I am too _____ and _____ to play," said the boy. "I want a _____ that will take me far away from here. Can you give me a _____?"

"Cut _____ my trunk and make a boat," said the tree. "Then you _____ sail away...and be happy."

And so the boy cut down her trunk and _____ a boat and sailed away.

And the tree was happy...

but not _____.

And _____ a long time the boy came back again. "I am sorry, Boy," said the tree, "but I have _____ left to give you—My apples are _____."

"My _____ are too weak for apples," said the boy.

"My branches are gone," said the tree. "You _____ swing on them—"

"I am too old to swing on _____," said the boy.

"My trunk is gone," said the tree.

"You cannot climb—"

"I am too _____ to climb," said the boy.

"I am sorry," sighed the tree. "I _____ that I could give you something...but I have nothing left. I am _____ an old stump. I am _____..."

"I don't need _____ much now," said the boy, "just a _____ place to sit and rest. I am very tired."

"Well," said the tree, straightening herself _____ as much as she could, "well, an old stump *is* _____ for sitting and resting. Come, Boy, _____ down. Sit down and rest."

And the boy _____.

And the tree was _____.

The End