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**Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow in full sentences.**

### **CARPENTRY**

Carpentry is one of the most self-reliant independent occupations in our country today. It is the making and repairing wooden objects using wood.

Carpentry requires life skills. Besides, one has to join a technical institution in order to acquire professional skills in wood work or journey.

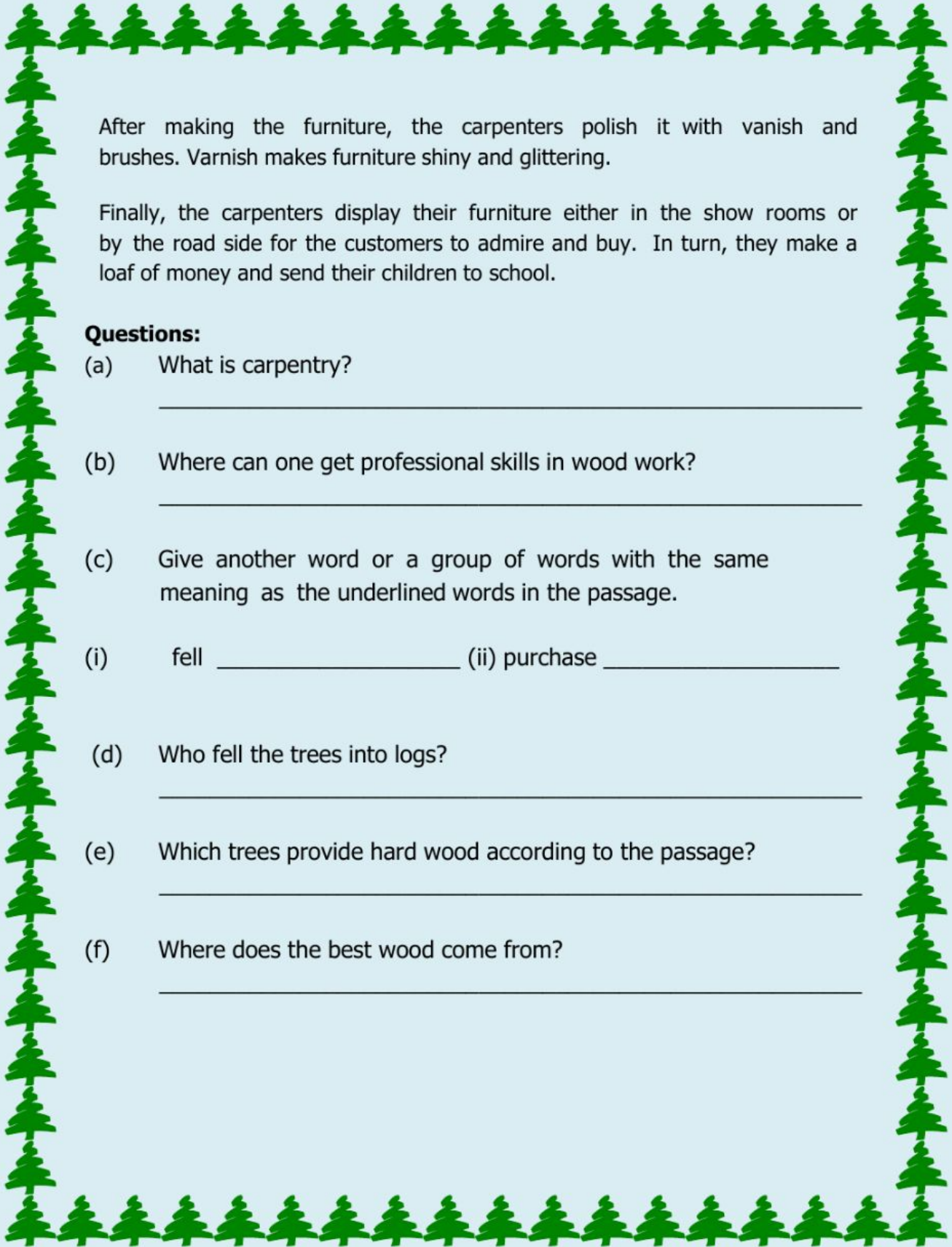
In Uganda, like in other parts of the world, there are a number of technical institutes. Some are private and others are owned by the government. These include Elgon Technical Institute in the eastern region, Kicwamba Technical Institute in the western region, Kisubi and Kyambogo Technical Institutes in the central region among others.

These institutes have trained many carpenters in Uganda. The carpenters make good office and home furniture. Some furniture is even exported to neighbouring countries like Sudan, Kenya and Rwanda.

The carpenters, however, say that the best wood comes from the Ssesse Islands, Mahogany provides hard wood. On the other hand pine and cypress trees provide soft wood.

First, the lumberjacks **fell** the trees into logs with power saws. Next the logs are sawed into timber which is sooner or later transported and distributed to different parts of the country for sale.

Then, the carpenters access and **purchase** the timber in any quantities they can afford from the timber stores. They make it smooth with planes; cut the planks into sizeable pieces and make beds, chairs, tables, wardrobes and coffins for the dead. Tools such as hammers, drills, saw, screw drivers, nails and glue are used to join and fix furniture firmly.



After making the furniture, the carpenters polish it with varnish and brushes. Varnish makes furniture shiny and glittering.

Finally, the carpenters display their furniture either in the show rooms or by the road side for the customers to admire and buy. In turn, they make a loaf of money and send their children to school.

**Questions:**

(a) What is carpentry?

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(b) Where can one get professional skills in wood work?

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(c) Give another word or a group of words with the same meaning as the underlined words in the passage.

(i) fell \_\_\_\_\_ (ii) purchase \_\_\_\_\_

(d) Who fell the trees into logs?

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(e) Which trees provide hard wood according to the passage?

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(f) Where does the best wood come from?

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