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PRACTICE 031

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

Zul and Muthu were on their way home from school. When they reached their neighbourhood, they noticed a mango tree in front of Mr Tan's house.

"Look at all the mangoes!" Zul said, "We just need to climb the tree to get some." Muthu did not think it was a good idea. He explained that since the tree was so tall, they could get hurt if they fell from it. However, Zul managed to persuade him to do it. Soon, they had a plan. Zul would climb the tree since he was lighter. Muthu would help to push him up the tree at the start and keep watch. Soon, Zul was halfway up the tree. "You are almost there," Muthu encouraged.

However, when Zul looked down, he suddenly felt weak and dizzy. He gripped the tree trunk firmly and cried anxiously. Muthu asked him to climb down but he was too afraid to move. Their neighbour, Mr Tan, came home just then. He was shocked to see what was happening. He quickly got his ladder and rescued Zul.

Mr Tan scolded the boys angrily. He warned them that he would report them to the police and call their parents if they tried to steal again. "We are sorry," the boys apologised, hanging their heads in shame.

1. Where was the mango tree?

For questions 2-5, read each statement and select True or False.

Statement	True	False
2. Muthu spotted the mangoes first.		
3. Zul did not want to take all the mangoes growing on the tree.		
4. Muthu was worried about falling from the tree.		
5. Muthu agreed to Zul's plan at once.		

6. Choose the correct answer.

Zul was chosen to climb the tree because _____.

A. Muthu was heavier than him

B. Muthu encouraged him to do so

C. he was very good at climbing trees

7. Which word has the same meaning as 'tightly'? Choose either (A) or (B).

He gripped the tree trunk **firmly** (A) and cried **anxiously** (B).

8. What two things would Mr Tan do if the children tried to steal again?

a. _____

b. _____

(Sourced from the Internet.)

