

Unit 3 Poem

*On Killing a Tree

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Warm up

1. What is a tree?
2. Why trees are important for our survival?
3. How long does it take a tree to grow to its full size?
4. How much time does it take to cut down a tree?

Now read the poem which speaks about the pain of trees.

It takes much time to kill a tree,
Not a simple jab of the knife
Will do it. It has grown
Slowly consuming the earth,
Rising out of it, feeding
Upon its crust, absorbing
Years of sunlight, air, water,
And out of its leperous hide
Sprouting leaves.

