

Spring English Activity Booklet

Answers

Very Early Spring

1. Find and **copy** a word that means **bare**.

barren

2. What do you think the **flags of tenderest** green are? Explain your answer.

Pupils' own response, such as 'I think the flags of tenderest green is grass as it says the fields are not covered in snow and grass would stick up and wave in the wind like a flag.'

3. Which of these words is closest in meaning to **shrill**? Tick **one**.

scary ☐ beautiful ☐ high-pitched ☒ cold ☐

4. Write three examples of when the author has used personification in this poem.

Accept any three:

- **Now the sun walks in the forest,**
- **He touches the bows and stems with his golden fingers;**
- **They shiver, and wake from slumber.**
- **He shakes his yellow curls.**
- **A wind dances over the fields.**
- **Shrill and clear the sound of her waking laughter,**

5. **Yet is the forest full of the sound of tears...**

What do you think this line means?

Pupils' own response, such as 'I think the sound of tears is the sound of rainfall falling on the leaves. There can be quite a lot of rain in spring and raindrops are sometimes thought of as teardrops from the sky or clouds.'

Spring Flower Suffixes!

-ate	-ise	-ify
educate cooperate	symbolise criticise categorise terrorise*	terrify* electrify identify

*note: terror can either become 'terrify' or 'terrorise'.

Spring in Australia

1. Springtime happens during which months in Australia?

September, October and November.

2. Name three animals that hibernate in Australia.

Possums, bats, echidnas.

3. What effect does spring have on plants in Australia?

Plants have more energy to grow because there is more sunlight and rain, therefore many plants grow new flowers or fruits. Deciduous trees start to grow new leaves.

4. Find and copy one word which means large.

vast

5. How is spring different in Australia to the UK?

Spring in Australia happens in the months of September, October and November, whereas in the UK, those months would be autumn. There are some areas in Australia that have wet and dry seasons but there are no places that have them in the UK.

Super Sentences

Example sentences include:

1. During the spring, I always have my umbrella, **which has flowers on it.**
2. I enjoy picking flowers **that grow in my garden.**
3. The blossom on the trees makes me sneeze **when I go outside.**
4. The rain gently pattered onto the ground **where I had left my shoes.**
5. We spent hours splashing in puddles **that were deep and muddy.**

Example sentences for the pictures:

The butterfly landed on the red flower that had only just started to bloom.

The blue bird sang beautifully on the branch which was filled with cherry blossom.

The ladybird, who was all alone, got wet in the rain.

Spring Seekers

Example answers

Sentence 1: Use a comma following a fronted adverbial.

Carefully, I crept up close to the small door in the old, gnarled tree in the centre of the clearing.

Sentence 2: Include a relative clause.

The door, which was covered in mould and rust, looked like it hadn't been opened for many years.

Sentence 3: Use dashes to indicate parenthesis.

I put on my gloves – so I didn't get a splinter – and carefully lifted the creaky latch.

Sentence 4: Include a modal verb.

I could turn back and go home to my safe bed but I wanted to know what mysteries were behind the door.

Sentence 5: Use an adverb of possibility.

Perhaps it would be a magical kingdom? Or possibly a house filled with speaking animals. Either way, I needed to find out.

Perfect Parenthesis

1. My sister (the one who lives in France) is excited to be coming over this spring.
2. Beth, the captain of the team, is a very skilful football player.
3. We are lucky to get daffodils, the Welsh national flower, growing in our garden.
4. During the spring months, many animals come out of hibernation - it is warmer and there is more food available.
5. Some people don't like the rain (especially in spring time) but I do.

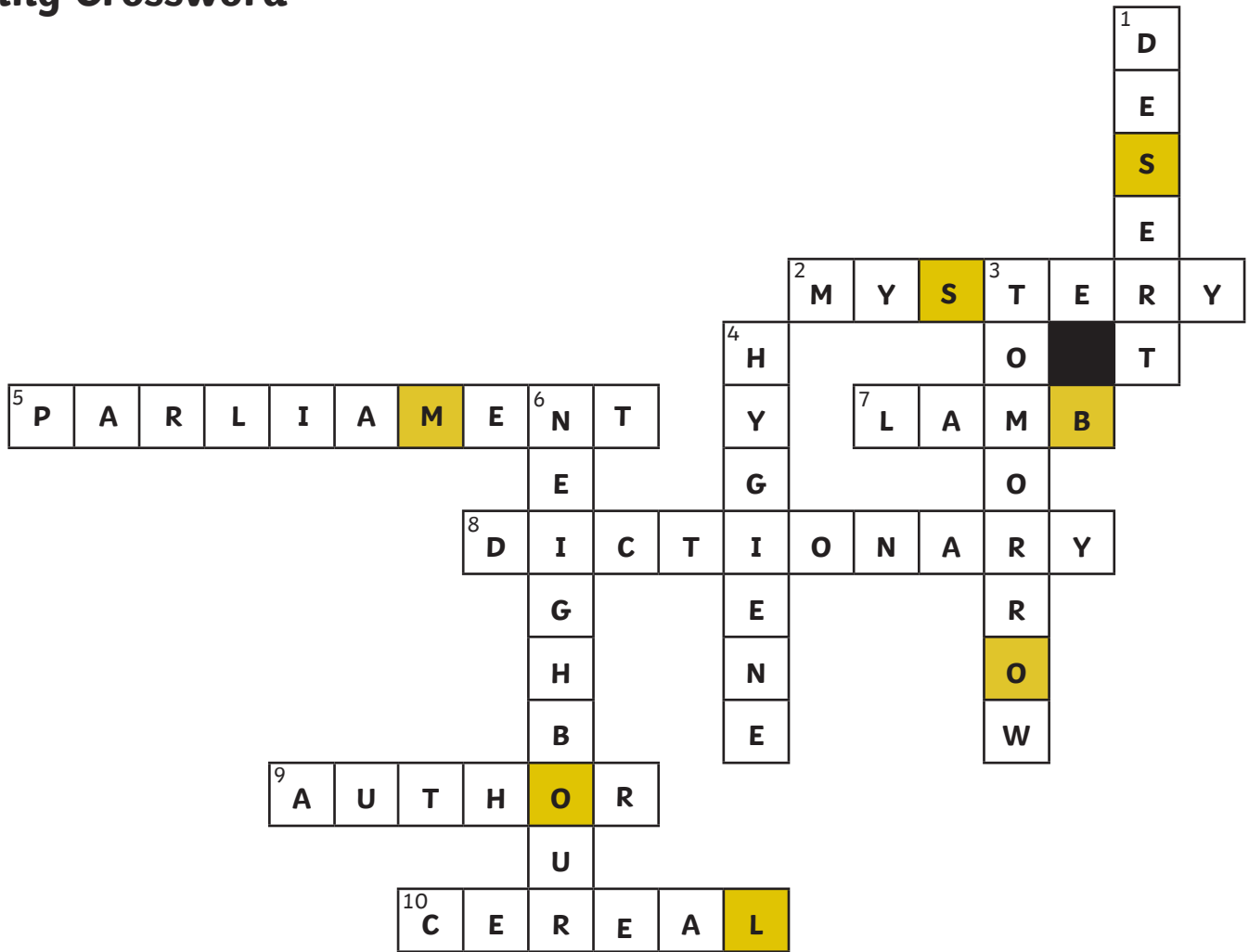
Example sentences for the pictures:

The tree, which had been around for hundreds of years, began to creak in the wind.

The lambs played by the riverside (their mother was nearby).

The ducklings – twelve in total – swam alongside their mother.

Spring Crossword



HIDDEN WORD - blossom

Use some of your words in spring-themed sentences.

Pupils' responses will vary – all sentences should include one of the crossword answer words.