

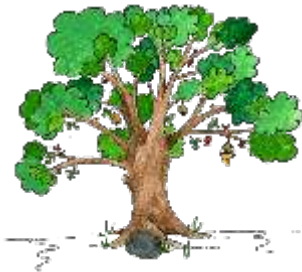
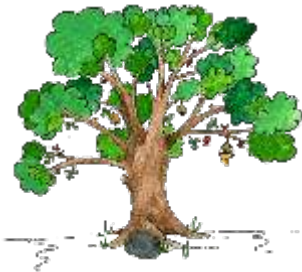
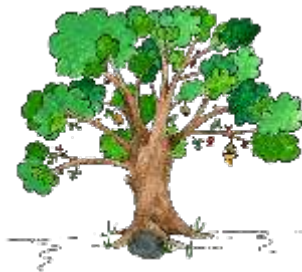
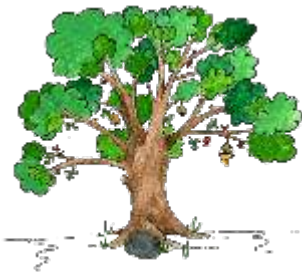
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Buhle is feeling very sad. Her best friend, Katy, has moved far away.

Buhle used to make up fun dances with Katy at break time.



Now Buhle sits by herself under the beautiful coral tree and watches the birds.



One day she notices a little bird on the ground, all by himself.

“You're lonely like me,” Buhle tells the bird.



Buhle throws some of her sandwich crumbs towards the little bird.

He hops over to eat them.



“Oh lonely bird, maybe we can be friends!” Buhle sighs.



She hears a laugh from above.
Unathi, the new girl at school, is
sitting in the tree.
Buhle is surprised!



Unathi giggles.

“Why are you talking to the bird?” she asks Buhle.



Buhle feels sad and doesn't answer Unathi.

The bell rings and Buhle runs back inside.



The next day at break time
Buhle goes to find the lonely
little bird.

Unathi is already under the tree.



Unathi smiles at Buhle.

“I brought this bread for the lonely bird.”

They throw crumbs for the bird together. The bird gobbles them up.



“Do you like to dance?” Buhle asks.

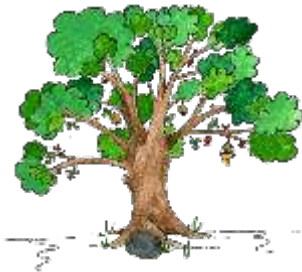
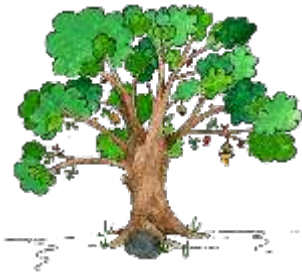
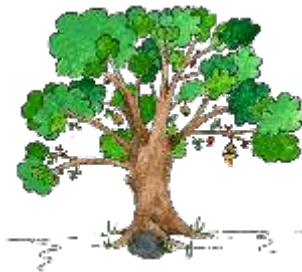
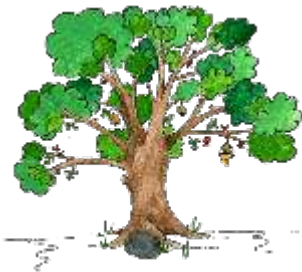
“I love it!” Unathi says.

“I’ll show you my favourite dance,” says Buhle .



The little bird happily rejoins his flock in the beautiful coral tree. He watches the two new friends dance and laugh together.







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