



The Banyan Tree

The banyan tree is one of the biggest trees found in India. A full-grown banyan tree can be as tall as a three storied building.

They can grow only in open places. So we do not see many banyan trees in cities.

A banyan tree looks like a big palace standing on pillars. Like other trees, it does not have just one main trunk. It has many thick roots that grow from the underside of the branches directly to the ground. They enter the ground and look like smaller trunks. They provide support and food for the tree.



It is a very useful tree. It gives shade and shelter to people and to animals.

EXERCISE

1. Answer the following questions.

(a) How much tall a full-grown banyan tree can be?

Ans : _____

(b) Why we do not see many banyan trees in cities?

Ans : _____

(c) How does a banyan tree look like?

Ans : _____

(d) How is a banyan tree different from other trees?

Ans : _____

(c) How does the tree help men and animals?

Ans : _____

2. Find out the correct alternative.

- (a) Banyan tree is a—
(i) very big tree (ii) very small tree (iii) shrub
- (b) A full-grown banyan tree is taller than—
(i) a two storied building
(ii) four storied building
(iii) three storied building
- (c) A banyan tree looks like a big—
(i) ship (ii) mountain (iii) palace
- (d) The support branches of a banyan tree look like—
(i) thick rope (ii) pillar (iii) bamboo stick
- (e) The banyan tree gives us—
(i) food (ii) wood (iii) shade and shelter

3. Write 'T' for true and 'F' for false statement :

- (a) One of the biggest trees found in India is the banyan tree.
(b) Banyan trees grow on covered place.
(c) A banyan tree has more than one trunk.
(d) A banyan tree stands on pillars.
(e) The banyan tree is useful to animals only.
(f) A banyan tree gives us food and shelter.

4. Fill in the blanks with information from the text.

- (a) A full-grown banyan tree can be as tall as _____.
(b) Banyan trees can grow only in _____.
(c) A banyan tree looks like a _____.

- (d) Besides the main trunk, a banyan tree has _____.
- (e) The banyan tree gives people and animal _____.

5. Fill in the blanks with suitable words from the box.

- (a) Tea is _____ on the slope of the hill.
- (b) The leg's of an elephant look like _____.
- (c) The _____ of the Shal tree is used to make railway slippers.
- (d) Iron is a very _____ metal.
- (e) Forest gives _____ to many animals.

useful, shelter, grown, pillars, trunk

6. Find out words from the list which are similar in meaning.

- (a) fully developed _____.
- (b) shelter from direct light and heat _____.
- (c) main stem of a tree _____.

trunk, shade, full-grown