

The Treehouse

Read the story. Then answer the questions on the next page.

- 1 Marcus and his sister Lena wanted a treehouse in the old oak tree behind their house. First, Lena drew a **sketch**. Her quick drawing showed a floor, three walls, and a rope ladder.
- 2 Grandpa looked at the plan and nodded. He drove them to the store to buy **lumber**. They loaded the long wooden boards into the back of his truck, and Marcus carried a heavy box of nails.
- 3 Building took two weekends. Grandpa nailed the floor to the thickest branches while the children handed him nails. Then Marcus and Lena **hoisted** the walls. They lifted each one up into the tree with a rope, pulling hand over hand.
- 4 “Is it safe?” asked Lena. Grandpa stood on the floor and jumped up and down. Nothing shook or wobbled. “It is **sturdy**,” he said. “It is strong enough to hold all three of us.”
- 5 At last the work was done. Marcus and Lena stood on the grass and **admired** the treehouse. They looked at it with big, happy smiles. “This is the best place in the whole yard,” said Marcus. Then they raced each other up the ladder.



The Treehouse: Questions

The words near a new word are clues. Underline each clue in the color shown.

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- ☐ a wooden ladder
- ☐ a list of tools

2. What does lumber mean? Write the words from the story that helped you.

orange

3. In paragraph 3, what does hoisted mean?

yellow

- ☐ painted
- ☐ lifted up
- ☐ dropped

4. In paragraph 4, what does sturdy mean?

green

- ☐ weak
- ☐ very tall
- ☐ strong

5. In paragraph 5, what does admired mean?

blue

- ☐ looked happily at
- ☐ climbed
- ☐ forgot about

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The Treehouse: Answer Key

Answers are in green. The proof is where to find each answer in the text.

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Lumber means wooden boards used for building. Clue: “They loaded the long wooden boards into the back of his truck”

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Proof Paragraph 5: “They looked at it with big, happy smiles.”

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Answers will vary. Example: The sturdy table did not shake when I leaned on it.