## Moving Big Trees

**Topic:** Plants
**Curriculum link:** Science, Technology
**Text type:** Explanation
**Reading level:** 22
**Word count:** 435
**Vocabulary:** attached, beautiful, building, council, damaged, easier, harness, preparing, several, successfully, underground

**Possible literacy focus**
Understanding a process explained in the text.
Using critical literacy skills to discuss whether all trees can or should be moved.

**Summary**
This book explains how a number of very big trees were moved during the building of a tunnel, cared for and then replanted after the tunnel was finished.

**Task Card**

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# Technical word list

You will need:

paper, pencils, felt-tip pens

1. Look through *Moving Big Trees* and write down all of the technical words, such as *plan*, *trenches*, *root ball*, etc.
2. Now list these words in alphabetical order.
3. Add an illustration for each word.
4. Display your list of technical words in the classroom.

# Cloze

Name _____

Fill in the missing words.

After three months, it was time to _____ the trees.

Rob and _____ team strapped a harness around the roots of _____ tree. The harness kept the soil and the roots together. This helped the trees to stay alive.

The trees were very _____. A _____ crane was used to lift each tree out of the _____ and onto a truck.

The trees were _____ on low-loading trucks to a nearby roadside.

The team stored the trees safely by the side of the road for _____ months.

They watered them _____ day.

_____ the tunnel was built, the trees were moved back to where they came from.

A _____ hole was dug for _____ tree. A crane lifted each tree from the back of the truck and _____ it in the hole.

# Adjectives

Cut out the following words.  Match each word from column 1 with a word from column 2.

| Column 1 – adjectives | Column 2 – nouns |
|---|---|
| small | trees |
| special | months |
| big | crane |
| few | roots |
| big | tree |
| old | pegs |
| new | trucks |
| every | trenches |
| low-loading | roots |

Now write a paragraph about moving big trees.  Make sure that you include some adjectives.

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