

Unit 2 Plant a Plant



Lesson 7 Planting Trees

Think about it!



- **When is Tree Planting Day in China?**
- **What are the basic steps for planting a tree?**



植树节是一些国家以法律形式规定的以宣传森林效益，并动员群众参加造林为活动内容的节日。通过这种活动，激发人们爱林、造林的感情，提高人们对森林功用的认识，促进国土绿化，达到爱林护林和扩大森林资源、改善生态环境的目的。中国的植树节开始时是为纪念孙中山先生逝世，1979年2月23日，中国第五届全国人大常委会第六次会议决定，仍以3月12日为中国的植树节，以鼓励全国各族人民植树造林，绿化祖国，改善环境，造福子孙后代。

How to plant a tree?



挖树坑



解草绳



树苗入坑



一次培土



提苗



围填



浸透水



二次培土



给树上支架



Words & expressions

hole	n. 洞
large	adj. 大的; 巨大的
cover	v. 覆盖 n. 盖子
fill	v. 装满; 充满
storm	n. 暴风雨
dirty	adj. 不干净的; 肮脏的
northern	adj. 北方的; 北部的
bottom	n. 底部; 最下部

Objectives



- 1. To listen and understand the conversation about planting trees.**
- 2. To learn some useful words and expressions to talk about how to plant a tree.**



Words:

**dig, hole, large, cover, fill, store
dirty, northern, bottom**



Phrases:

**by the way, want to do, turn into,
for sure, in the bottom of, fill...with**

Patterns:

I suppose.....

It's ...to do...

Listen and read.



It's March 12. Li Ming and his classmates are on a hillside. They are planting trees as a school project. A worker is there helping them.

Li Ming: Excuse me, sir. We are digging a hole. Is it big enough ?

Worker: Maybe you should make the hole a little bigger. It must be large enough to hold the roots of the seedling.

Li Ming: I see. Thank you.

Worker: Now, put the seedling inside, cover the roots and **fill** the hole **with** dirt. Then pack the dirt around the new tree with your feet.

Wang Mei: OK. **By the way**, there is another group of people down the hill. Are they also coming to plant trees?

Worker: Yes. Many people are worried because the environment is changing, and they want to do something to help.

Li Ming: These changes are serious. When there is a dust storm in spring, it gets windy and dirty everywhere.

Wang Mei: Ms. Liu told us the wind blows the dirt and the sand here from the north. Nothing can stop the wind because there are not many trees left.

Worker: Exactly. A lot of rich lands in the northern area have **turned into** desert.

Li Ming: I suppose tree planting is very important work.

Wang Mei: **For sure.** I really like this project. It's also a great way to learn about nature.

Worker: Yes. It's fun and important to plant plants. Oh, and please remember to put a little water **in the bottom of** the hole.



Read and answer.

1. What are Li Ming and his classmates doing on March 12?

They are planting trees as a school project.

2. Why do many people come to plant trees?

Because the environment is changing and they want to do something to help.

3. What are the basic steps for planting a tree?

Dig a hole, put the seedling inside, cover the roots, fill the hole with dirt, pack the dirt around the tree and put water in the bottom of the hole.

Language points

1. **fill...with...** 用.....填满

Fill the pots **with** earth.

在花盆里**装满**泥土。

He **filled** the bottle **with** wine.

他用酒**装满**了那只瓶子。

be filled with 被.....充满/塞满

But the new roads and streets will **be filled with** many cars and buses soon.

但是不久，新的道路又将被**被**很多公共汽车和小汽车**塞满**。

2. **by the way** 顺便说一下

By the way, what do you think about this Team?

顺便问一下，你认为这个队的水平如何？

By the way, which province are you from?

顺便问一下，您是哪个省来的？

3. **dust storm** 沙尘暴

The **dust storm** often happens in spring.

沙尘暴经常发生在春季。

Cathy wants to buy a scarf to protect herself from the **dust storm**.

凯茜想买一条围巾，以抵挡沙尘暴。

4. **turn into** 变成

The sofa **turns into** a bed.

沙发**变成**了床。

In a flash of light, the prince **turned into**
a frog.

一阵闪光之后，王子**变成**了一只青蛙。

5. **for sure** 肯定地；确定地

No one knows **for sure** what really happened.

没有人**确切地**知道到底发生了什么事。

If I talked, I would miss something, **for sure**.

如果我说话了，**肯定**会遗漏些什么东西。

6. in the bottom of ... 在.....底部

The bottle is hidden in the bottom of a ton of cotton.

瓶子被藏在一吨棉花的底部。

In the bottom of the river, we can see many beautiful rocks.

在小河的底部，可以看见许多漂亮的石头。

7. It's +adj. to do sth.

做某事.....

It's very dangerous for me to do such things.

我做这种事是非常危险的。

It's important to do what is comfortable for you.

适合自己的才是最重要的。

Let's Do It!

① Read the lesson and write true (T) or false (F).

1. Li Ming and Wang Mei were having a picnic on a farm. (F)
2. They asked a teacher for help. (F)
3. Li Ming saw another group of people on the hillside. (T)
4. Wang Mei really liked the project. (T)

② Fill in the blanks with the words in the box. Then put the steps for planting a tree in the correct order.

bottom hole around cover roots

- 2 Put the roots of the seedling into the hole.
- 5 Put a little water in the bottom of the hole.
- 3 Cover the roots and fill the hole with dirt.
- 4 Pack the dirt around the new tree with your feet.
- 1 Dig a hole big enough to hold the roots of the seedling.

③ Complete the passage with the missing phrases.

- A. the Green Great Wall B. planting more trees**
C. dust storms D. the northern part

The Green Great Wall was built across **D. the northern part** of the country. What is the Green Great Wall? It is made up of strips of human-planted forest.

Each year **C. dust storms** blow a lot of soil off the land. Things are getting more and more serious. About 3 600 square kilometres

of grassland are taken by the Gobi Desert every year.

The Green Great Wall project started in 1978. By B. planting more trees, people hold back the expansion of the desert and raise northern China's forest coverage by 5% to 15%. By the year 2050, A. the Green Great Wall will be about 2 800 miles long.

Time for reflection

fill...with...

用.....填满

by the way

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dust storm

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做某事.....

Exercise

Fill in the blanks with the words or phrases.

fill with by the way dust storm
turn into for sure cover
in the bottom of dig
large northern

1. The dust storm often happens in the northern area.
2. Please fill the glass with milk.
3. If you only have the name, you cannot confirm the identity for sure .

4. All of us can turn our dreams into practical reality.

5. I noticed there was a hole in the bottom of his pail.

6. You have 400 words for each question, by the way.

7. Dig a large hole and put the tree inside.

8. The clouds had spread and covered the entire sky.

Translate the sentences.

1. 顺便问一下，这是你的书吗？

By the way, is this your book?

2. 明天难保不下雨。

You can't say for sure that it won't rain tomorrow.

3. 烟雾弥漫了房间。

The room is filled with smoke.

4. 渐渐地冻雨似乎变成雪花的样子。

The icy rain seemed like to turn into snow.

Homework

Work in pairs. Read the lesson and the passage above again.

Why should we plant trees? Talk about it and list at least three reasons.