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## Why I Love Trees

Imagine you wake up one day in the middle of barren Antarctica! You're shivering and rubbing your eyes to see if they are playing tricks on you. You probably wish you were reading a book in your cozy, wooden house heated by a fire. Here there is no shelter for you to stay warm and be protected from the snow.

Let's switch the scene.

Now you are in a forest. Birds sing in the treetops. The sun is shining brightly, but the trees give shade. Even if you're stranded in the middle of a forest, it's much better than being in Antarctica for one main reason: trees! Animals rely on trees, and you can use animals for food. Trees provide wood for shelter and fire to stay warm.

A forest is a much better place to be.

Trees produce oxygen, and take in carbon dioxide, while we breathe out carbon dioxide and breathe in oxygen. We help each other! We use trees to build. Houses, firewood, books, paper, furniture, and many other things are made from trees.

In my home, we use tree products a lot. I love to read, write, and draw. Without trees, there would be no paper to read or write on! We have many trees at our house, and we play in them by climbing them, building forts, making swings, and lying in the cool shade on hot days.

I'm thankful for trees and all they provide for me.