

Read this passage and answer the questions that follows.

Let's Save Our Trees!

In today's day and age we have moved from paper to technology, but despite that trees are still being cut for several reasons! Trees are cut for their wood. This wood is used in building furniture or burning fires. The trees may also be used for medicinal purposes and most importantly for paper. Trees are also cut down to make buildings, malls, schools or to grow food on that land.

There is a big pine forest at Keroli Tappar, Uttarkashi. Once there stood a tall pine tree, which was the tallest amongst all trees. It grew up to 63.14 meters. It won the award of the tallest pine tree of Asia.

Tourist from many places came to see it. They were fascinated with this tree. They wrote their names on its trunk with nails and knives. Over time, it became infected with bacteria and grew sick. Later, its trunk became hollow. People no longer came to view this art of nature. Scientists were specially called from Dehradun to come for its treatment and it soon began to recover.

But unfortunately a storm broke it into two pieces since it had become very weak. After it broke, its wood was cut into logs which were used for the above purposes.

Once this tree was tall and beautiful and man had to raise his head with pride to look at it. Today man has to bend his head in regret. We have destroyed the tallest pine tree of Asia.

We should conserve our environment and take care of our surroundings. It is our duty to give back to nature. As a citizen of our country it is our responsibility to use resources sensibly. Being the youth, we have to save these resources for the future world which is yet to come.

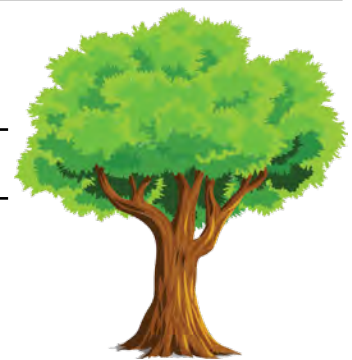
Answer the following questions:

1. Why are trees cut down?

2. Why did the tourists visit this tree and what did they do?

3. What happened to the tree? Why did the tourists stop visiting it?

4. Have you learnt from this passage?



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