

Christmas lesson

1 The great Christmas tree debate: Is it better to buy a real tree or a fake one? Brainstorm with a partner and write down a few ideas for both types of trees.

Real tree	Fake tree

2 What about you? What kind of tree will you get if one at all? What are your preferences?

Read more in your own time [here](#).

2 Watch a video about an alternative to buying a tree, be it a real or fake one.

1 What's the alternative?

2 How many trees are grown and where?

3 What's the price of such a tree?

4 What ways of disposing of a real tree does the farmer list?

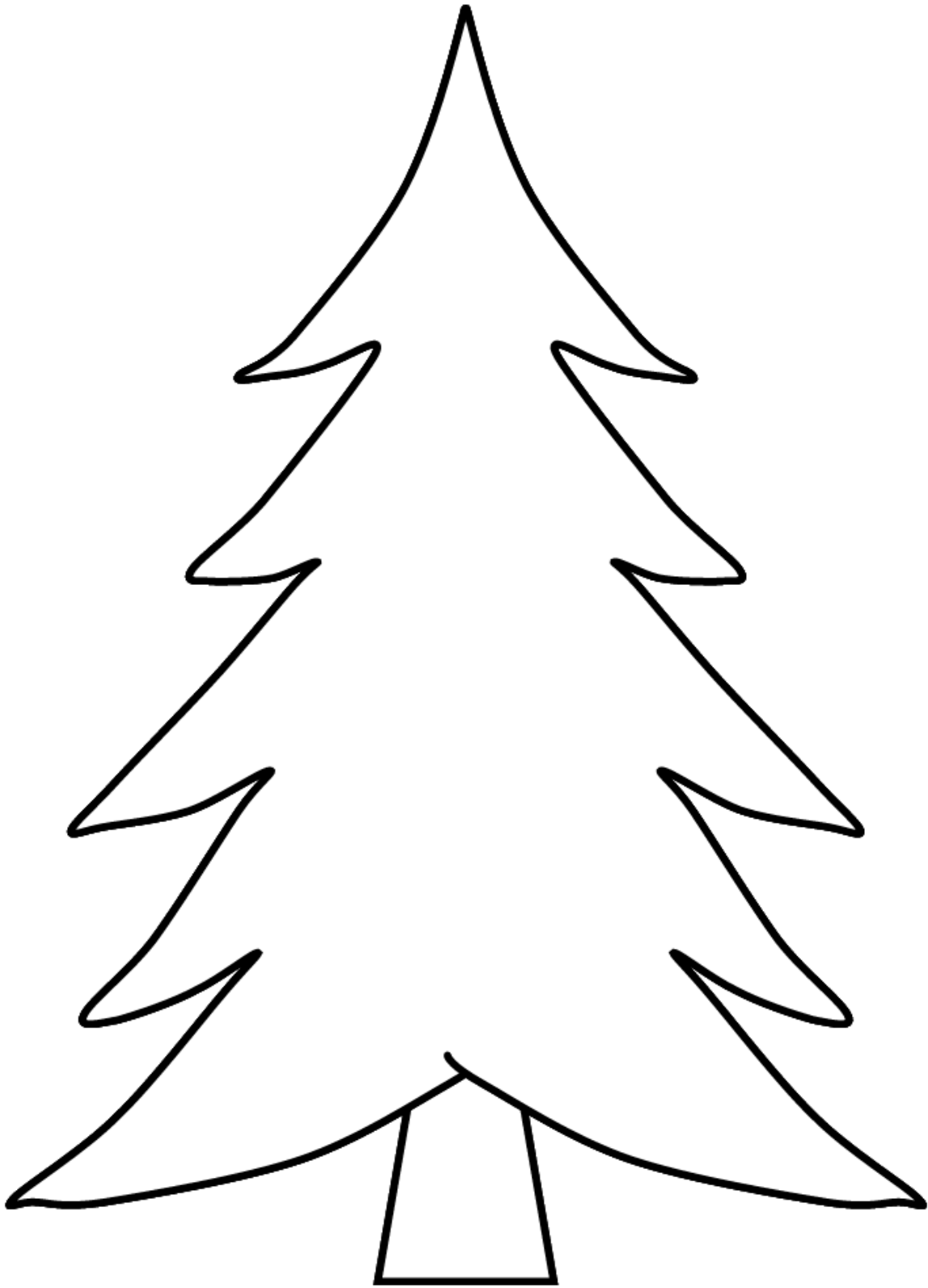
5 How many trees are cut down every year for Christmas and what happens with most of them?

6 What's the environmental impact of a real tree?

7 What's the environmental impact of a fake tree?

8 Why do people come back to the farm for a tree every year?

5 Play [Christmas Quizlet](#) to revise Christmas decorations and other Christmas staples.



[Source](#)

6 Christmas idioms. What do the idioms below mean? Guess their meaning and then use them in the sentences below.

1 all one's Christmases have come at once

2 to take someone off one's Christmas card list/be off someone's Christmas card list

3 Christmas has come/came early this year

4 to light up like a Christmas tree

5 Like turkeys voting for Christmas

A I didn't expect to get a pay rise! Well, Christmas _____!

B Sarah saw a box of chocolates on her desk, and she _____.

C The teachers agreed to accept the introduction of larger class numbers without any increase in their pay. It was _____.

D Anna forgot to water my plants again, that's it, she's _____!

E _____: my parents bought me a flat, I got a place at university and an internship at a prestigious organisation!

9 To wrap up, answer the questions the teacher will provide in a Christmas jar.