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SINCE 1945 — YOUR CONNECTION TO STORY



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For the Wild

A HOLLOW IS A HOME THE STORY OF A TREE

YOUR TASK

Imagine you are an old gum tree living deep within the Australian bush land.

Write a short story explaining all about the interesting things you have seen over your lifetime.

Think about how old you are, what animals have lived in or on you, if you have been affected by any human contact.

Remember that using descriptive words will help the reader visualise. There are some writing prompts on the next page to help you get started.



A HOLLOW IS A HOME

THE STORY OF A TREE

How long has this tree been growing in this place?

What animals have called this tree home?

THE LIFE OF A TREE WRITING PROMPTS

What does this tree need to survive ?

Has this tree lost any limbs, been in a bushfire or had any human contact?

What other interesting things has this tree seen or heard in its lifetime?

