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These Trees!

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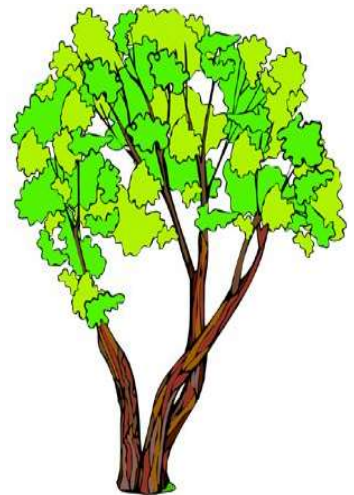
If walnuts come from walnut trees,
And almonds come from almond trees,
Then how come acorns come from oaks?
Can anyone explain this, please?



A redwood tree's not really red,
And red pine trees are green, (not red).
So, why's the white birch aptly named?
And why's the white pine green instead?

Now, ash trees don't grow ashes. Right?
And beech trees aren't on beaches. Right?
And fir trees don't have furry trunks;
Although, that WOULD be quite a sight!

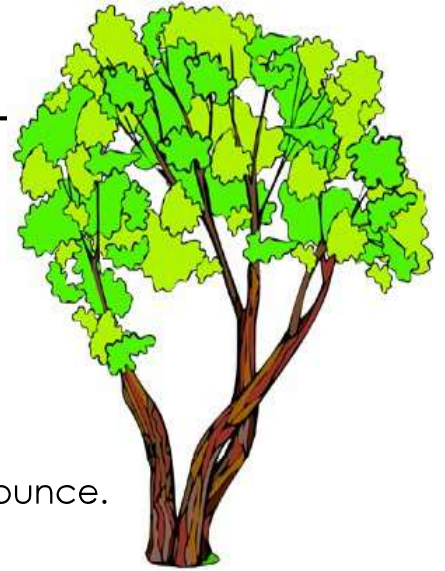
These trees! These trees! I wish it would
Be less confusing in the wood!
If trees had better-chosen names,
They might be better understood.



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1. What is the main idea of the poem?
 - a. Trees have appropriate names.
 - b. Trees have names that are often difficult to pronounce.
 - c. The names of trees aren't always obvious.
 - d. Most people don't know the names of trees.

2. Write a heading for each of the two categories on the t-chart.

walnut tree	walnuts
oak tree	acorns
almond tree	almonds

3. According to the poem, which tree is red?
 - a. redwood tree
 - b. red oak tree
 - c. neither of these
 - d. both of these

4. Line 7 reads:
So, why's the white birch aptly named?
Define the word aptly. Use a dictionary if you need help.
