

# Weekly News

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## Online Access

To access the article go to <https://sn1.scholastic.com/>, Click the login button and choose "I am a student". The class code is maloney316. Now choose the article *Palm Trees in the Wind*.

1. Watch the two videos
2. View the vocabulary slideshow
3. Listen to the article and then read it again!
4. Play the game
5. Discuss the article using the worksheets and to compare palm trees to other types of trees.

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## *Palm Trees in the*

# *WIND*

Time to go inside —  
a **hurricane** is coming!  
These storms can snap  
most trees in two. But palm trees  
are special. They can stand up  
to the strongest storm.



# Surviving the ~~STORM~~

## As You Read

Think about how the different parts of a palm tree help it survive a storm.



### A Trunk That Bends

Most trees have a **stiff** trunk. The trunk does not bend. A strong wind can push on the trunk and break it in two!

But palm trees have a **flexible** trunk. Their trunk can bend. When strong winds blow, they do not break.



### No Branches

Most trees have **branches**. In a storm, the leaves on the branches get soaked with rain. The branches get so heavy that they can pull the whole tree down!

Palm trees don't have branches! They just have leaves that grow out of the top of the trunk. The tree does not get pulled down.



### So Many Roots

All trees have **roots**. Roots hold a tree in the ground.

Palm trees have many roots. They spread out really far. That helps hold palm trees in the ground even in powerful winds.

Hurricanes are strong. But palm trees are ready. They are built to stand in the storm!



**OH NO!**  
**That Tree**  
**Fell Down!**

This huge tree fell down and is blocking the sidewalk.  
Is it a palm tree?  
How can you tell?

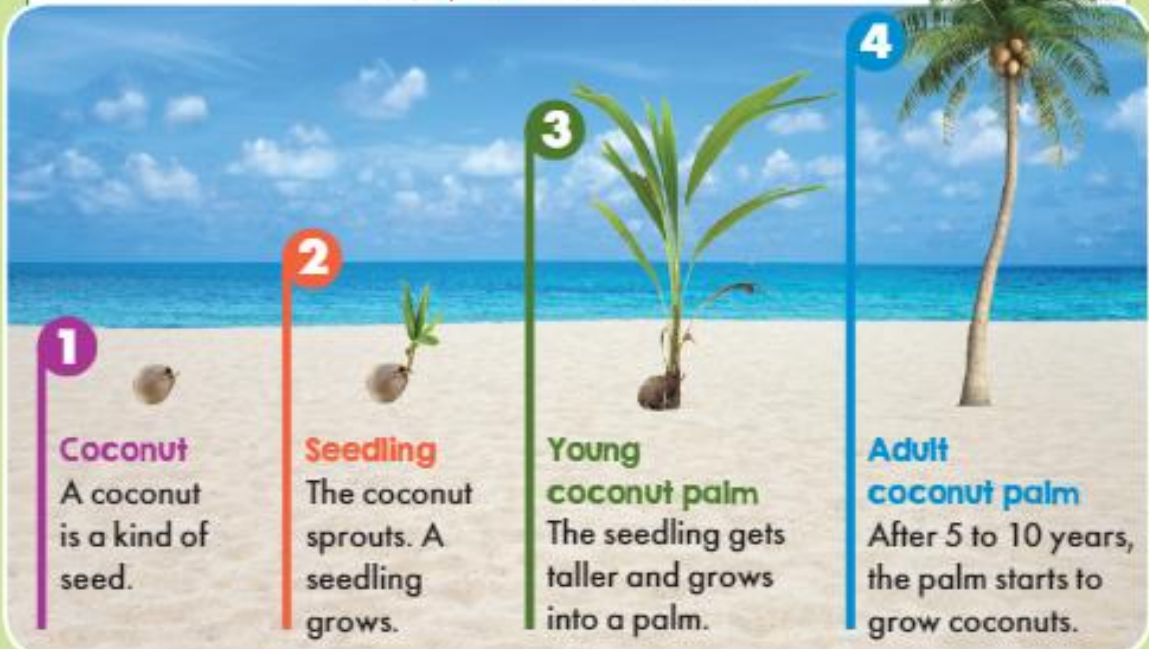


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## A Coconut Palm's Life

One kind of palm tree is a coconut palm.  
See how a coconut palm grows big and strong!  
Then click the correct answers.



1. A coconut is a kind of \_\_\_\_\_.

seed

leaf

trunk

2. Which one sprouts?

coconut

young coconut palm

adult coconut palm

3. Coconuts grow on \_\_\_\_\_.

a seedling

a young coconut palm

an adult coconut palm

### ★ Bonus

Would a 3-year-old coconut palm have coconuts growing on it?

yes

no



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## Reading Checkpoint:

## Palm Trees in the Wind

Use your *Scholastic News* to answer the questions.

1. What is this article mostly about?
- how the parts of a palm tree help it survive a storm
  - why most trees have branches
  - palm tree roots

2. When something is **stiff**, it \_\_\_\_\_.
- bends
  - does not bend
  - does not break

3. Which one is true?
- Palm trees have heavy branches.
  - Palm trees don't have leaves.
  - Palm trees don't have branches.

4. **Circle** a part of the palm tree that is flexible. Put a  $\triangle$  on the part that helps hold it in the ground.



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## Compare Trees and Palm Trees

Use your *Scholastic News* issue to fill out the chart.

Most Trees	Palm Trees
<b>Trunk:</b> Most trees have a stiff trunk.	<b>Trunk:</b> _____ _____ _____
<b>Branches and leaves:</b> _____ _____ _____	<b>Branches and leaves:</b> They don't have branches. They just have leaves.
<b>Roots:</b> Roots hold trees in the ground.	<b>Roots:</b> _____ _____ _____

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<b>Roots:</b>  _____  _____  _____	<b>Roots:</b>  _____  _____  _____