

Bamboo: reading tasks

1 Read the first paragraph only. What is the main idea?

- *There are lots of different plants and trees. I don't know all the names.*
- *Some trees are tall, some trees are fruit trees. Robert knows all the names of the plants.*
- *I'm in a garden. It's Robert's garden.*

2 Now read the other paragraphs. What is the main idea?

Paragraph 2

*The gardener's favourite plant is the bamboo.
Bamboo is a tall plant with lots of little leaves.
Anna thinks bamboo is pretty.*

Paragraph 3

*Bamboo is a grass not a tree.
Bamboo Bob thinks it's the most important plant in the world because there are hundreds of things you can do with it.*

Paragraph 4

*There's a little house on an island.
Bob says "Come and look at my summer house."*

Paragraph 5

*The bridge is made from bamboo.
There are fish swimming in the water.*

Paragraph 6

*There is a lot of furniture inside the house.
It's dark inside the house.*

Paragraph 7

3 Read the text again more slowly and answer the following questions:

- a What is Anna's job?
- b Robert's friends call him 'Bamboo Bob'. Is this a problem for him?
- c Why is Anna surprised that bamboo is a grass and not a tree?
- d Why is the house only for the summer?
- e Is the bridge wide or narrow?
- f Which room of the summer house are they in?
- g What does Bob say to Anna at the end? "_____!"

4 Don't look at the text! What are the missing words? The first one is an example.

"That's easy," he says and walks away.

I walk _____ him, he stops in front of a tall plant.

Bamboo Bob walks _____ "Come with me and see".

We walk _____ his lovely garden together.

We walk _____ the bridge.

On the bridge Bob walks _____ me.

It's dark inside so he walks _____ the window and opens the blind.

5 Read the text one last time – are there any words you don't understand?

Write the words here:

Before you use a dictionary ask another student for the meaning.

6 Speaking – one of you is Bob and the other is Anna. Underline the conversation they have like this:

"Which plant do you like the best?" I ask Robert.

"That's easy," he says and walks away. I walk with him and he stops in front of a tall plant. "This is my favourite plant."

Practice the conversation, try and make it as natural as possible!