CLIMBING A TREE

Matt climbed high up into the [tree/ find/ trip]. Joe sat on the ground underneath [the/ set/ time] tree and watched Matt climb in the [year/ tree/ open]. He felt very jealous inside. Joe [wanted/ stead/ answer] to be able to climb the [tree/ blue/ meet] like Matt. However, whenever he tried [sit/ nap/ to] climb the tree, he skinned his [snip/ beach/ knees] and bruised his hands. He could [day/ not/ map] seem to get up any farther [went/ than/ year] the first branch of the tree.

[That/ Jump/ Bash] evening, Joe told his dad about wanting [to/ bet/ it] climb a tree like Matt. Joe's [sit/ feet/ dad] offered to help Joe climb a [silly/ tree/ grab]. Joe's dad went outside with him [eat/ and/ red] cupped a hand for Joe to [put/ why/ pill] his foot in. Joe put his [like/ foot/ take] into his dad's cupped hand and [weather/ opens/ pushed] himself up to the first branch. Joe [huffed/ steal/ laugh] and he puffed but he still [master/ swept/ could] not climb the tree. "Well, someday [tell/ you/ hot] will be able to climb a [food/ tree/ blue]," said Joe's dad. "Maybe you will [go/ not/ be] able to climb a tree when [you/ tip/ and] are a little older." Joe just [coats/ glared/ heads] at his dad.

The next day, Joe [was/ fish/ best] looking up at the big oak [went/ poke/ tree] in his front yard. "Why can Matt [time/ sweet/ climb] that tree and I can't?" he thought. "[Read/ Hill/ What] is the mystery to climbing [a/ or/ by]

tree?" Joe heard a whistling sound [**behind/ wanted/ opened**] him. Joe turned around to see Steve, [**she/ and/ his**] neighbor, walking toward him. Steve was [**in/ be/ up**] college and played football on the college [**wept/ vent/ team**]. "Hi, Joe, what are you doing staring [**we/ at/ to**] that tree?" asked Steve. "I'm trying [**to/ bet/ we**] figure out how to climb that [**rest/ yet/ tree**]," replied Joe. "Here, let me help [**tip/ such/ you**]," said Steve. He picked Joe up [**me/ in/ as**] his big arms and tried to [**boost/ rang/ hills**] Joe up in the tree. However, Steve [**could/ please/ cream**] not lift Joe any higher than [**ship/ and/ the**] first branch. "I think this [**he/ how/ is**] as high as I will get [**in/ wet/ and**] a tree," Joe said sadly.

Joe watched [**or/ bin/ as**] Steve walked away whistling. "Why can't [**be/ I/ at**] climb that tree?" Joe wondered. Suddenly, Joe [**seem/ green/ heard**] a sound behind him. Running toward [**him/ she/ and**] was the next-door neighbor's dog, Spike. Joe [**sweep/ froze/ street**] in fear. Spike was a very [**send/ need/ mean**] dog and would bite any person [**he/ up/ to**] saw. Joe looked to his left [**she/ and/ has**] his right, but there was [**speed/ nowhere/ thing**] to run and Spike was getting [**tread/ closer/ jumped**]. Without even thinking, Joe started to [**grass/ climb/ window**] the tree. He climbed up far [**head/ fear/ into**] the highest branches. He watched as Spike circled [**grips/ follow/ around**] the bottom of the tree. Finally, Spike [**camp/ ran/ till**] back home.

Joe realized what he [**had/ and/ yes**] done! He had climbed a tree

without [**every/ heard/ anyone**] else's help! Joe was very excited [**that/ head/ from**] he had finally climbed a tree. Joe [**ran/ sit/ find**] home to tell his dad that [**to/ my/ he**] had finally climbed a tree. Joe [**swept/ told/ very**] Matt all about climbing the tree [**ship/ the/ met**] next day at school. He did [**grow/ red/ not**] tell Matt why he had climbed [**that/ sort/ when**] tree. He didn't want Matt to [**free/ think/ wander**] that he was a sissy. Joe [**years/ hoard/ never**] had trouble climbing a tree again.