

The Tale of the Buckwheat Field - Hans Christian Andersen

Choose the right article for each gap: **a, an, the, some, any or -**

After ___ thunderstorm ___ field of buckwheat often looks like it has been burned.

Once I met ___ sparrow, and ___ sparrow told me ___ story it was told by ___ willow tree which grew near ___ field of buckwheat.

___ tree is very old and very large. ___ trunk is split, and ___ grass and ___ brambles grow out of ___ crack in ___ middle.

___ tree bends forwards and ___ branches hang down almost to ___ ground like ___ green hair.

___ crops grow in ___ fields surrounding ___ tree, but long ago there was also ___ field of buckwheat. ___ buckwheat was proud and it did not bend its head like ___ wheat, rye and barley in ___ other fields.

It said to ___ willow tree "I am just as valuable as all ___ other crops, and I am much more beautiful. Do you know anything prettier than we are?"

___ willow tree seemed to nod his head and say "Indeed I do".

But ___ buckwheat ignored him and said to himself "Stupid tree: he is so old that ___ grass grows out of his body."

One day there was ___ terrible storm. All ___ flowers bowed their heads and hid their leaves. They said to ___ buckwheat "bend your heads like us! Even ___ men do not look at ___ sky when there is ___ lightning!"

But ___ buckwheat was proud. He looked up at ___ lightning which filled ___ sky.

When ___ terrible storm had passed ___ flowers and ___ crops raised their heads in ___ clear air, refreshed by ___ rain. However, ___ buckwheat lay like ___ weed in ___ field, burnt to blackness by ___ lightning.

___ branches of ___ willow tree moved in ___ wind and ___ large drops of water fell to ___ ground, as if ___ old tree was crying.

___ sparrow asked him why he was so sad and he told ___ story of ___ buckwheat's pride and punishment.



Buckwheat field



Buckwheat flower



Buckwheat grain



a sparrow



a willow tree



lightning