

Answers RIC

1. Retrieval: How many trees are referred to in the poem?

eight nine ten eleven

2. Retrieval: Which tree is the poet's favourite? **The plane tree**

3. Interpret: Which tree is the strongest? How do you know?
The oak tree because it is sturdy.

4. Interpret: Which tree is described as being delicate?

The silver birch as it is dainty.

5. Choice: Do you think the poet has chosen vocabulary to describe the trees in a positive or a negative way? Give examples from the text to back up your answer.

Positive because the adjectives used to describe the trees are positive. For example, *The chestnut's proud and the lilac's pretty, The poplar's gentle and tall*