

You remember, don't you, that last week I was busy in the front garden. I was enjoying the weather and changing the look of our entryway. Well, I had had enough of digging, weeding, and raking, so I decided to go on a hunt for the perfect tree. The closest nursery garden to our house is just down the road, literally about one minute by car. It is actually a home appliance business which opens up a nursery area for the Spring and Summer only. Bark is poured out over a large area, and then a variety of trees and bushes are placed on top, watered regularly, and put up for sale. With a quick glance at the nursery garden from my car, I could tell that they didn't have what I wanted. I am not a fussy shopper, but I can quickly tell, in a shopping situation, if I'm in the right place to get what I want. So, I turned left at the traffic lights and headed west to Blueberry Hills nursery. They have a large selection of good quality everything. Their items tend to be more expensive than in other places, but the quality seems to make up for that. I got out, and an employee helped me find the Japanese Maples. They had a kind called a Coral Bark which was gorgeous. As its name suggests, the bark is a brilliant pinkish red. The leaves are not out yet, but apparently they are green with a red outline. It sounds like it would make a stunning focal point for the entryway. I looked at the price tag and gasped. Nearly a hundred and fifty bucks! A bit too much for me I'm afraid. I think I would have to talk to my husband first before I spend that kind of money on a tree. I walked around a little more, looking at other trees, and taking in the pretty landscape. Blueberry Hills overlooks a small valley to the side of Wenatchee where the Wenatchee river runs into the Columbia. It is a very picturesque setting, especially with all of the blueberry and lavender bushes covering large areas of the property, and in recent years they have planted vineyards and opened a wine tasting area. Even if we don't get the tree, I plan on returning for another look, or perhaps to sample some wine.

### **Grammar notes.**

Related vocabulary: to have enough of..., bark, fussy, picturesque.

1. I have had enough of this cold weather! It's time for the sun!
2. That tree doesn't look healthy; it's bark is peeling everywhere.
3. My boy is so fussy about his food. He will only eat white cheese, and when we have chicken, he only eats the wings!
4. The area is really picturesque; it literally looks like a picture from a fairy tale.