Precious Juniper

Uncle Dunba's neighbor, the person that lives next to him, planted a juniper tree. The juniper tree was near Uncle Dunba's window. Every year the tree got bigger and bigger. Uncle Dunba's house got darker and darker.

Uncle Dunba thought, "I need to do something."

He took a branch from the tree. He took it to his neighbor's house. The neighbor asked, "Where are you taking that juniper branch?"

Uncle Dunba said, "Someone is coming to town today. He is buying juniper branches for one hundred yuan. I am going to sell this branch to him."

The neighbor said, "I have a tall juniper tree. It has many branches. I will sell it to him. I will get a lot of money."

Uncle Dunba said, "That is true. You will get a lot of money. But he is leaving soon. You should hurry."

The neighbor cut down the tree. He put all of the branches together. He put them on a horse. He took the horse to town. Town was far away. When he got there, he couldn't find the person who bought juniper branches. He looked everywhere. Finally he gave someone the branches for a donkey. He took the donkey and the horse and walked home. He was angry.

He went to Uncle Dunba's house. He said, "You tricked me. No one wanted to buy juniper branches."

Uncle Dunba said, "I didn't trick you. I said that he was leaving soon."

After that, Uncle Dunba's house was brighter inside.
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## New Words and Phrases

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### Grammar: Prepositions

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Ex: The juniper tree was near Uncle Dunba's window.

Here are some prepositions:

| inside (of) | next to |
| outside    | in front of |
| on         | top of |
| behind     | underneath |
| far away   | below |
| near       |          |
Exercises: Answer the questions.

a. What is a neighbor?
_____________________________________________________________________

b. Where did the neighbor plant the juniper tree?
_____________________________________________________________________

c. Was town near by or far away?
_____________________________________________________________________

d. What place was brighter?
_____________________________________________________________________

Exercises: Use prepositions to describe a room.

Ex: The bed is next to the wall.

Grammar: Adjectives that compare

Adjectives are words that describe a noun. Some adjectives are used to compare two things. They can also show a change. They usually end in -er

Ex: Every year the tree got bigger and bigger.

This example compares the tree from one year to the next year, or shows the change over time.

Ex: My house is nicer than yours.

This example compares two things, my house and your house.
Exercises: Fill in the blanks with the correct words.  

bigger smarter darker brighter

Uncle Dunba's neighbor planted a juniper tree next to his house. Every year the tree got _________________. It blocked the sun from Uncle Dunba's house. His house got _________________. Luckily, Uncle Dunba was ________________ than his neighbor. He tricked his neighbor. His neighbor cut the tree. Then, Uncle Dunba's house was much _________________.

Comprehension Questions: Follow the directions below.

Part 1: Circle T for true sentences and F for false sentences.

a. Uncle Dunba's neighbor lived far away from him. T/F
b. The juniper tree was inside Uncle Dunba's house. T/F
c. The tree got bigger and bigger. T/F
d. Uncle Dunba told his neighbor that he was going to sell the juniper branch. T/F
e. The neighbor cut the juniper tree. T/F
f. No one wanted to buy juniper branches. T/F
g. The town was near by. T/F
h. The neighbor bought a donkey. T/F

Part 2: Answer the questions.

a. Why did Uncle Dunba take a branch from the juniper tree? ____________________________________________

b. Why did the neighbor want to cut the tree? ____________________________________________

c. What did the neighbor get for his branches? ____________________________________________

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c. What did the neighbor get for his branches? ____________________________________________
d. Did Uncle Dunba trick his neighbor? ____________________________

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e. How was Uncle Dunba's house at the end of the story? ____________________________________________________________

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