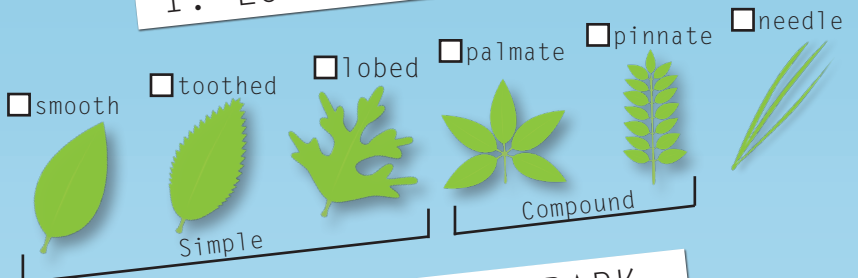


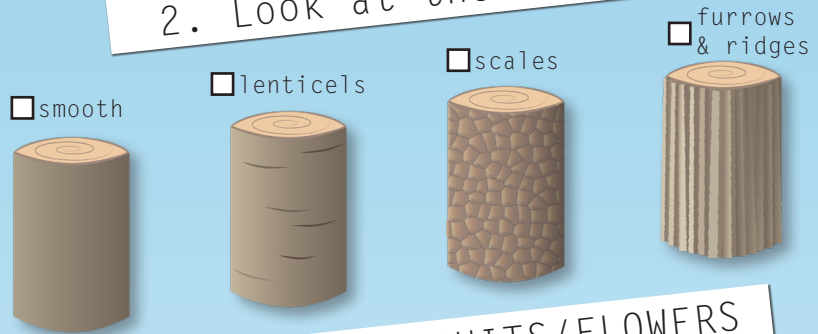
TREE KEY

The leaves, bark, fruits, flowers, and tree shape can help us identify trees. Gather clues from trees and use a book to identify them.

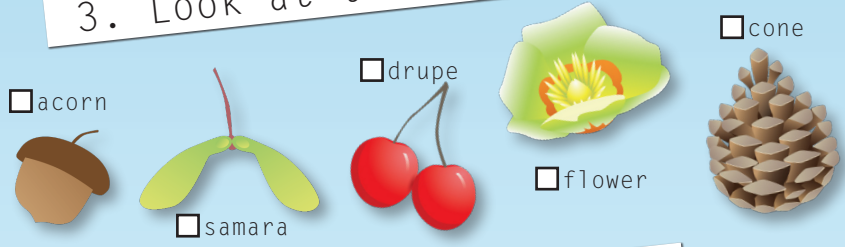
1. Look at the LEAVES



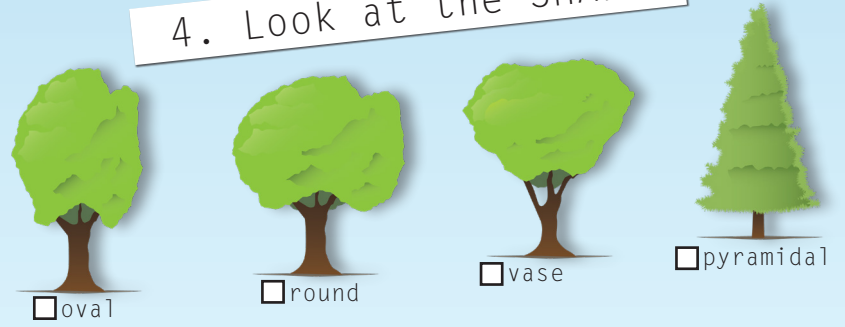
2. Look at the BARK



3. Look at the FRUITS/FLOWERS



4. Look at the SHAPE



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TYPES OF TREES

Hi, I'm TRACK. It's easy to get confused with the various types of trees that can be found in the forest. Let's look for clues that will help us tell a tree from a tree!



Use this guide to identify and learn about a few of the common types of trees in the area.

OAKS

are usually **deciduous** trees that shed leaves in winter. Their broad leaves can vary widely from rounded lobes to sharply pointed lobes to smooth. Oaks produce nuts called acorns that usually have one seed inside. Their bark is typically gray with deep furrows and scaly ridges.

Can you find these Oaks?

WHITE OAK

- 7-10 rounded lobes
- Oblong acorn with shallow cup
- Ash gray bark that becomes rougher in older trees

cup

nut

RED OAK

- 7-11 bristle-pointed lobes
- Round acorn with flat cup
- Dark reddish bark with wide 'ski track' furrows and ridges

HUMANS USE OAKS FOR:

Boats

Acorn Flour

Furniture

MAPLES

are **deciduous** trees that are known for brilliant fall colors. They have broad leaves, usually with five lobes and pointed tips. Maples produce winged fruits called samaras that spin to the ground as they fall. Young maples have smooth bark that develops long deep furrows as the tree ages.

Can you find these Maples?

RED MAPLE

- 3-5 lobes with toothed edges
- Red twigs, flowers, and samaras
- Rough gray bark on older trees

SUGAR MAPLE

- 5 lobes with rounded notches
- Samaras with round, green seeds and brown wings
- Brown bark with long, thick ridges

HUMANS USE MAPLES FOR:

Syrup

Guitars

Bowling Pins

PINES

are **evergreen** trees, meaning they keep their leaves all year. Their bark is usually thick and scaly. Pines produce cones and have needles that grow in bundles (fascicles). Their crowns are tapered, being wider at the bottom and pointy at the top.

Can you find these Pines?

WHITE PINE

- Bundles of five long needles
- Long, thin cones
- Rough gray bark

VIRGINIA PINE

- Bundles of two short twisted needles
- Egg-shaped cones with sharp prickles
- Reddish-brown scaly bark

PITCH PINE

- Bundles of three slightly twisted medium length needles
- Fat egg-shaped cones with prickles
- Thick orange-brown puzzle-piece bark

HUMANS USE PINES FOR:

Turpentine

Paper

Tea