

# Tree Treasure Hunt



## Objective

Identify and name a variety of common deciduous and evergreen trees.



## Equipment

- Enrich School Orienteering Map
- Marker pens
- Tree Example Activity Sheet



## Preparation

- Split the children into small groups / pairs and provide each of the groups with a clip board containing a Tree Example Activity Sheet, a marker pen and a map of the school. Provide the groups with an explanation of the map's main feature e.g. out-of-bounds, start and finish point.



## Instructions

- Each group use their map to navigate the school's grounds and find different examples of trees. The children / groups must start and finish the activity in the same location. When they find a tree, they mark its location on their map.
- Different children within the group should take it in turns to identify the trees, matching the specimens they find to trees on their Tree Example Activity Sheet. If the children find a tree that is not on the example sheet they must add their finding to the blank section of the sheet.
- The activity should be timed. When the groups have had an appropriate amount of time moving around the grounds they should be recalled back to the start position to discuss their findings.
- Encourage the different groups to talk about their findings. Ask them to show you and the other groups where the trees are located on the map and what type of tree / plants they have found.



## Other information

- For younger children, reduce the area size they are asked to explore.
- For younger children provide them with specific locations on the map where they will find certain trees.
- Increase or decrease the amount of time allotted to complete the activity.
- Provide older children with a number of grid references and ask them to navigate to these locations on the map, recording the different trees / plants in this area.
- For older children, ask the group to categorise the trees into:
- *Deciduous*: Aspen, Beech, Birch, Blackthorne, Elder, Elm, Hazel, Horse Chesnut, Maple, Oak, Plane, Rowan.
- *Evergreen*: Cypress, Holly

