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WHAT TREE CAN YOU SEE?

Trees are very important to all life on Earth. They produce around a quarter of the world's oxygen and are home and food for millions of animals across the world. They can be some of the largest and oldest living things on the planet.

It might not look like it, but trees shape the environment around them. They're known as **environmental engineers**. They can change

landscapes and moderate environments, bringing about different types of habitats. No wonder they appear in countless historical, religious and fictional writings. They are pretty magical!

The UK is home to several species of native tree. Take a look at the leaves below.

Can you find any of these trees in your local area?



Hazel
Corylus avellana



Hawthorn
Crataegus monogyna



Blackthorn
Prunus spinosa



Bird cherry
Prunus padus



Aspen
Populus tremula



Large-leaved lime
Tilia platyphyllos



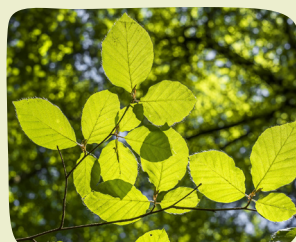
Ash
Fraxinus excelsior



English oak
Quercus robur



Silver birch
Betula pendula



Beech
Fagus sylvatica



Black poplar
Populus nigra subsp. *betulifolia*



Field maple
Acer camprestre



Crab apple
Malus sylvestris



English elm
Ulmus procera



Hornbeam
Carpinus betulus



Rowan
Sorbus aucuparia

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What do the leaves **FEEL** like?

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Does the tree **SMELL**? If so, what like?

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LISTEN to the tree, can you hear the wind rustling through the leaves?
What does it sound like?

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Can you describe your tree? What does it **LOOK** like?

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Use a wax crayon to make a bark rubbing. Simply place your paper on top of the bark and rub the wax crayon over the paper.