

Drawing leaves worksheet

A simple, fun activity that develops observational skills, verbal description and drawing skills. It can also incorporate the use of keys for accurate identification.

The activity involves teamwork and trust and is suitable for any age.

Equipment



- Clipboard (one between two students)
- Pencils/crayons/charcoal
- Paper

Instructions



Participants choose partners and decide who is going to draw first.

While one student from each pair collects a clipboard, paper and pencil, the other finds an interesting tree leaf to describe keeping it hidden from the other student. They then stand back to back.

The student with the leaf describes it to their partner so that they can make a drawing without seeing the leaf themselves.

After a set time (e.g. 3 minutes) they stop work and compare their drawing with the original leaf.

They can:

- decide whether the drawings give enough detail to identify the leaf
- use a leaf key to identify the tree it came from
- discuss which important features were drawn
- Discuss which important features are missing

The whole group can then display their drawings to each other, showing the original leaf and giving the identity of the tree.

