

TWO TRUTHS & A LIE: LEAVES

Leaves use sunlight, water, and air to make food for plants.

The tiny openings on the bottom of a leaf are called stomata.

Leaves make food for plants by absorbing nutrients from the soil.



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Chlorophyll is what makes leaves look green.

Yellow and orange colors are hiding in leaves all summer long.

Leaves turn yellow in fall because they start making more chlorophyll.



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The blade is the wide, flat part of the leaf.

The midrib is the name for the outer edge of a leaf.

The petiole is the stalk that connects the leaf to the plant stem.



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The waxy coating on a leaf is called the cuticle.

Leaves change color in fall because cold temperatures add new colors to the leaf.



Trees drop their leaves in fall to protect themselves from losing water in winter.

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A compound leaf is a leaf that has been broken off the plant.

A compound leaf is made up of several smaller leaflets on one petiole.

A simple leaf has one single blade attached to a petiole.



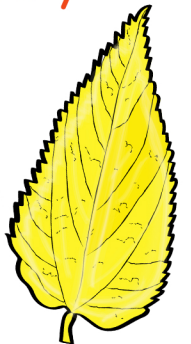
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Evergreen trees keep their leaves all year long.

Pine trees are deciduous because their needle leaves fall off every winter.

Deciduous trees lose their leaves in the fall.



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