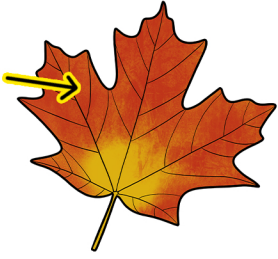


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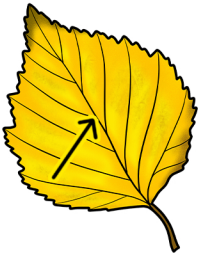


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blade

The wide, flat part of a leaf where food is made.

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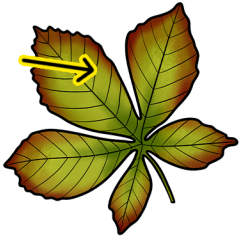


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midrib

The thick center line that runs from the base to the tip of a leaf.

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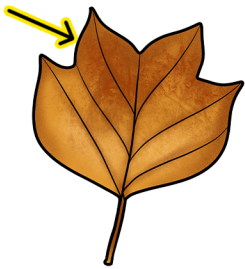


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vein

A thin line that carries water and food through the leaf.

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margin

The outer edge of a leaf blade.

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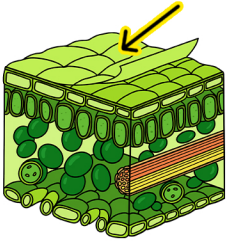
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apex

The pointed tip at the top of a leaf.

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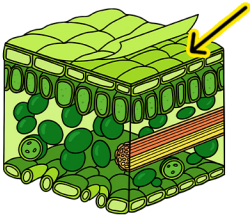
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cuticle

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A thin, waxy coating on the outside of a leaf that helps keep water inside.

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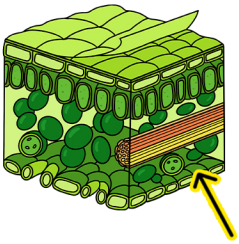
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upper epidermis

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The top layer of cells on a leaf that protects it and lets in light.

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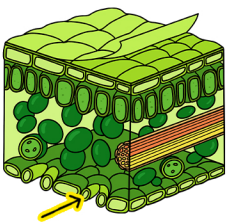
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lower epidermis

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The bottom layer of cells on a leaf that contains the openings for air and water.

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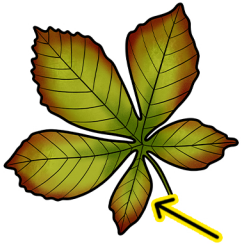
stomata

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Tiny openings on the bottom of a leaf that let air in and water vapor out.

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base

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The bottom of the leaf blade where it meets the petiole.

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petiole

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The short stalk that connects the leaf blade to the stem of a plant.

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stipule

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A small, leaf-like growth found at the base of the petiole where it meets the stem.

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axil

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The angle between the petiole and the plant stem where new growth can appear.

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