

A branching key for Irish plants and trees

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What you need: leaf samples or laminated leaf cards (oak, holly, dandelion, daisy, fern) · hand magnifier · mystery leaf envelopes or face-down cards · Investigation Journal page

Words to use

Branching key · Feature · Identify

Our question

Which leaf is our mystery leaf, if we follow the branching key step by step?

I predict...because...

Words to sort

oak leaf · holly leaf · dandelion leaf · daisy leaf · fern frond

Notice and name one clear feature for each leaf before we build the key

Group 1	Group 2	Group 3

Our choice: finish the sentence

We chose _____ because _____.

Did the key lead you to the right name?

Where might someone go wrong if they rushed a step?

