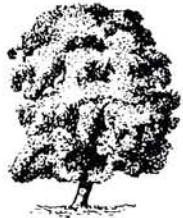




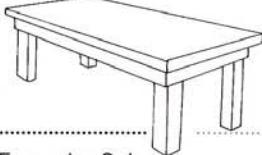
Different trees produce different types of wood. Each type of wood can be used for different purposes. Use the information around the page to decide which is the best wood for each of the things drawn in the box.

OAK



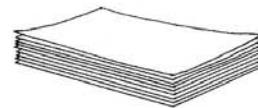
Very hard-wearing.
Strong.
Glues well.
Holds a nail well.
Resistant to decay.

Furniture

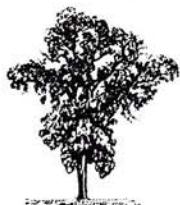


Example: Oak

Writing paper



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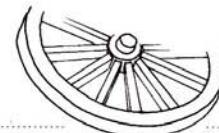


Strong and tough.
Very flexible. Perishable.
Good to work with.
Absorbs shock.
Excellent bonding.

Telegraph poles



Wheel spokes

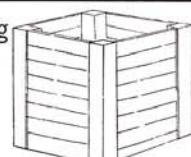


SPRUCE



Nails well.
Non-durable.
Clean and white.
Long fibre length.

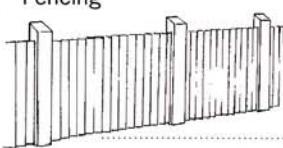
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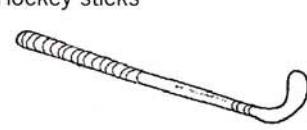
Bowls



Fencing



Hockey sticks



PINE



Strong.
Finishes well.
Nails well.
Very tall and straight.

SYCAMORE



Very strong. Hard.
Easy to work with.
Does not warp when damp.
Fine texture.

TEAK



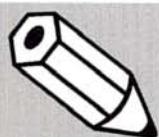
Tropical hardwood.
Golden brown in colour.
Very attractive.
Very durable and strong. Good for outdoor use.

There are over three hundred kinds of wood used in Britain for all sorts of jobs. In the whole world there are probably over twenty thousand types of wood. Often woods are described as Hardwoods or Softwoods.

SOFTWOOD is wood from conifers – such as Scots pine, Douglas fir, Sitka spruce. Nearly all these trees are evergreen and their leaves are shaped like needles.

HARDWOOD is wood from deciduous broadleaved trees such as oak, beech and mahogany.

So hardwood comes from a hardwood tree and softwood comes from a softwood tree.



Look at the pictures below. Use books and posters to help you identify the tree they came from. Label each one and write whether it would produce hardwood or softwood. The first one is done for you.

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1. This is a Douglas Fir. It produces softwood.

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