Studying Trees:

All About Leaves



Leaves produce food for the tree. They come in many shapes & sizes. A simple leaf is one whole shape e.g. oak, beech, birch. A compound leaf has lots of small leaflets e.g. ash, horse chestnut. Needles are leaves modified for harsher conditions, found on conifers.



Leaves intercept light. Leaves lower in the canopy are wider & thinner to allow maximum photosynthesis in the



Leaves in the sun are smaller & thicker. They can handle brighter light & are found on the outside

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