



Get to Know a Wooden Giant

Trees are among the largest living beings in the world, and they are almost everywhere. There is so much to learn about these friendly giants, and you can get started by paying close attention to one in your yard or neighbourhood.

Print or bring this sheet to a wooden giant you'd like to get to know better. Draw and fill out the questions below (or use a separate sheet of paper) to learn more about it!

Height: My tree is as tall as a .

Touch: The bark of my tree feels . The leaves of my tree feel .

Smell: My tree smells like . When I crush up the leaves it smells like .

Sound: When I close my eyes near my tree I can hear .

Branches:

What kind of branching does my tree have?



Opposite



Alternate

Habitats:

Circle any habitats you see in your tree?



Hole in a tree



Squirrel's nest



Hawk's nest



Robin's nest



Other (Draw it!)

Signs of Life:

Circle any signs of life you see?



Fungi



Woodpecker holes



Disease



Insects



Other (Draw it!)

Leaves or Needles:

What do the leaves or needles look like?

Create a leaf or needle rubbing to find out!

- 1 Use a blank piece of paper and pick a leaf or needles from the tree or on the ground nearby.
- 2 Place the leaf or needles under the paper.
- 3 Tape the corners of your sheet down to a desk where it's okay to do so.
- 4 Take a crayon and unwrap it, then turn it sideways and rub the page with the leaf or needles underneath.

What do you see?

Draw a Picture of your Wooden Giant

Now that you're more familiar with your wooden giant, draw a picture of your new friend in the space below. Try and include as many things you noticed from the chart as possible!



Bonus: With all you've learned from above, what type of tree do you think this giant is?

Tip: feel free to ask your family or use books and the internet to help!

Once you've filled out this sheet once, a great way to get to know wooden giants even more is to return to them every season! **Create a journal by copying this sheet for each season**, and filling it out to follow the changes to your new friend throughout the year.