

Making and using keys

➔ Pupil Sheet













Making a key - using leaves (mainly from tree and

hedgerow plants)

(see booklet, page 21)

Leaf fact file (see booklet, page 22)

Look at your leaf and write the answer **yes** or **no** beside each question

1. Is the leaf lobed?  
2. Do the leaf edges have teeth or prickles?  
3. Are the leaf edges smooth or slightly wavy?  
4. Does the leaf have one main vein (running from the stalk to the leaf tip)? 
5. Does the leaf have more than one main vein (running from the leaf stalk to the leaf edges)? 
6. Do the side veins mostly come off the main veins in pairs? 
7. Do the side veins all come off the main vein one at a time? 
8. Is the leaf stalk longer than 1 cm? (You will need a ruler to answer this question) 
9. Does the leaf have small bumps on it? (These are glands) 
10. Is the leaf stalk red?
11. Is there anything else interesting about your leaf?

Draw a picture of your leaf here