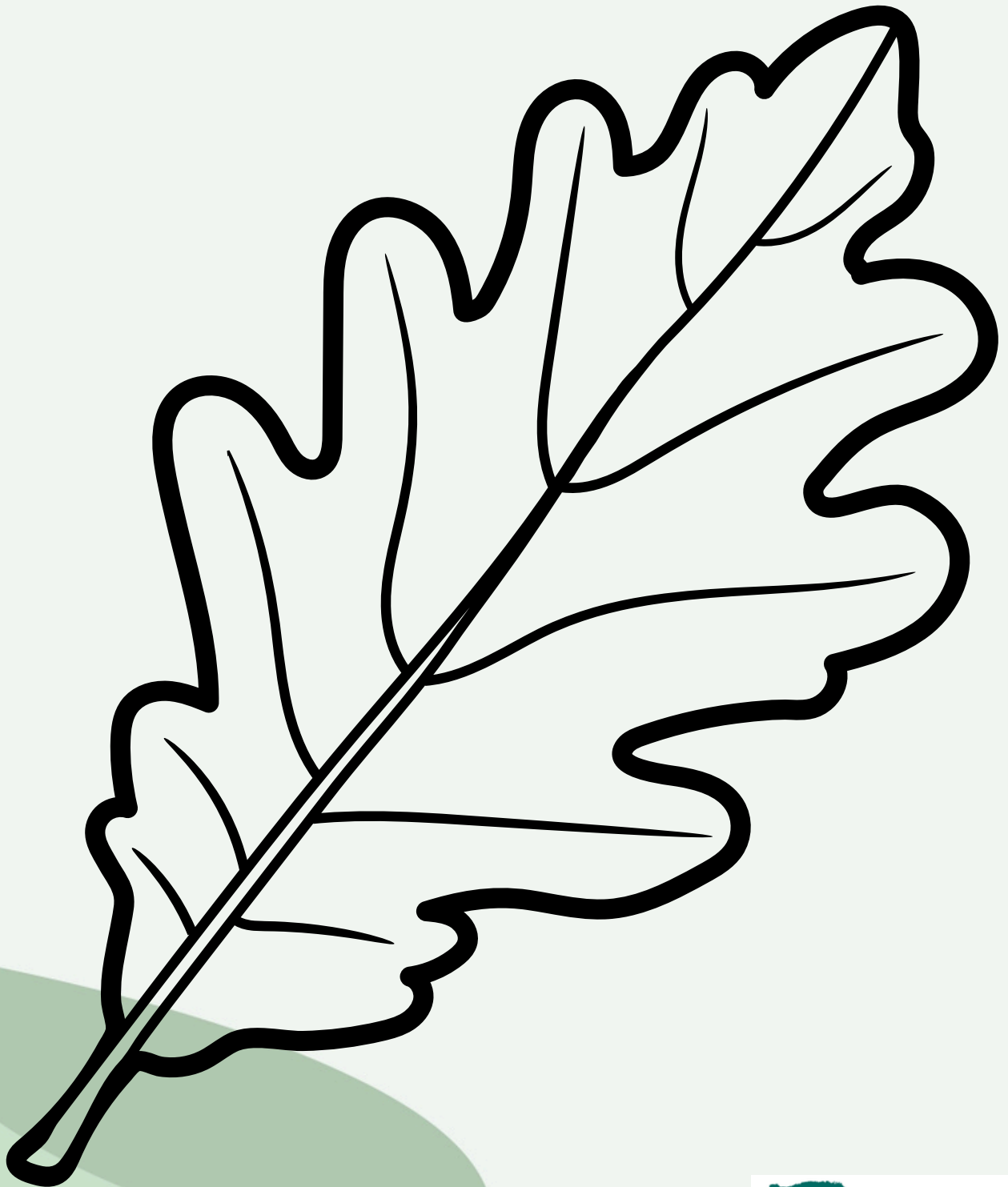


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Junior & Senior Infants



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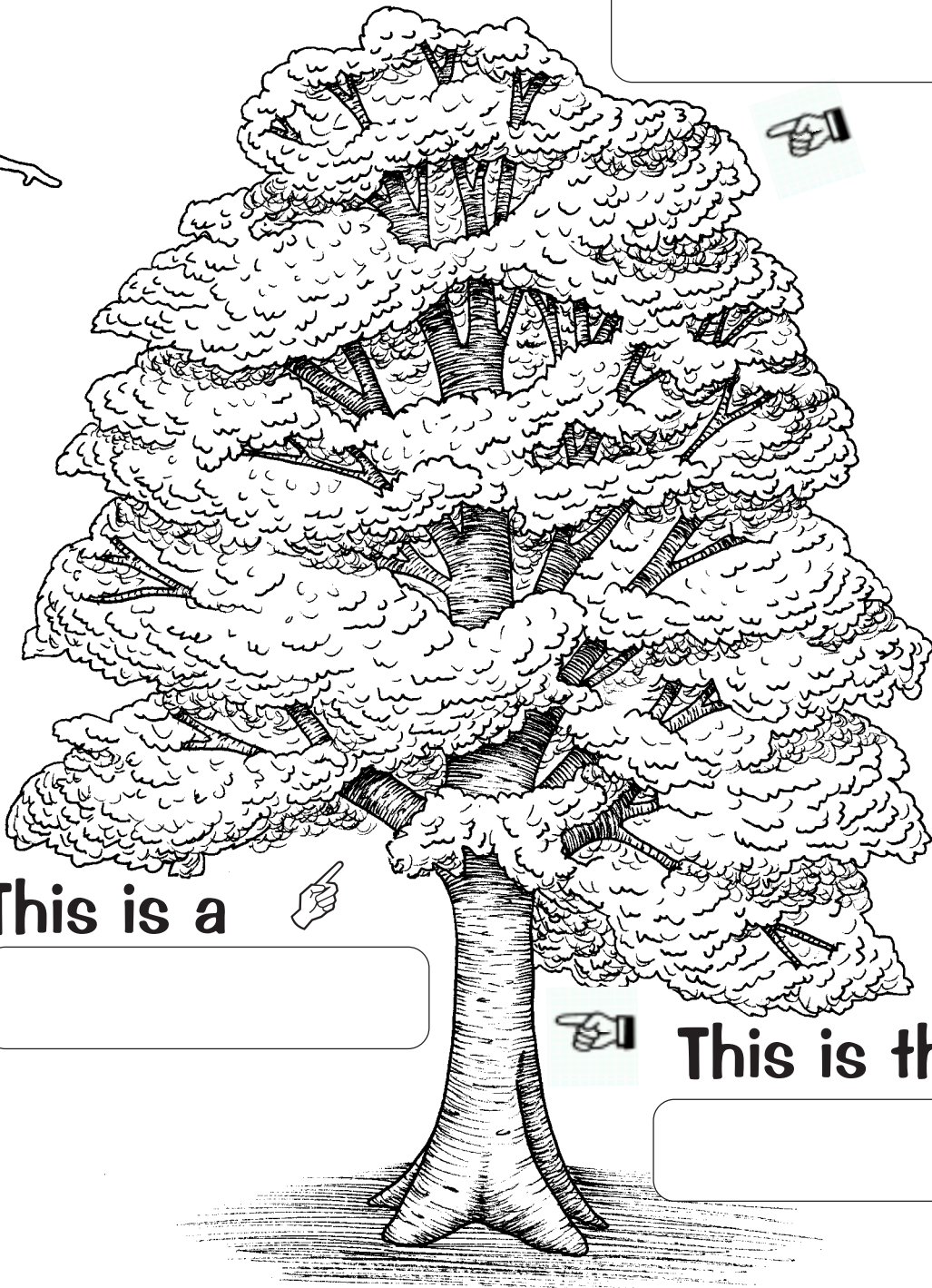
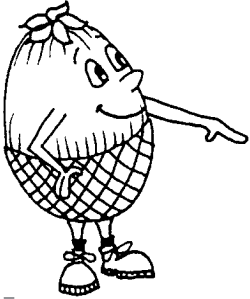
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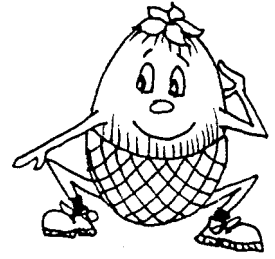
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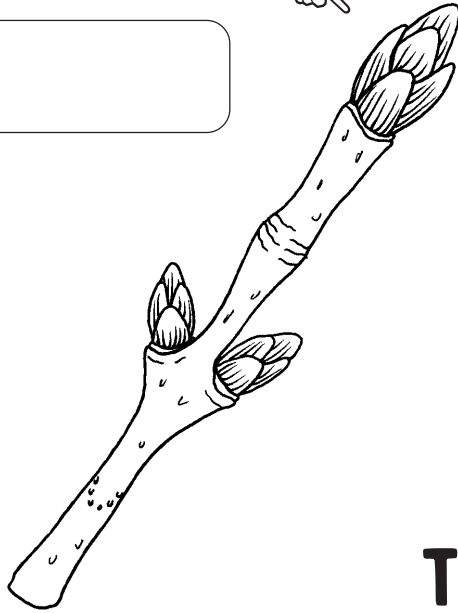
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trunk    branch    tree    leaves

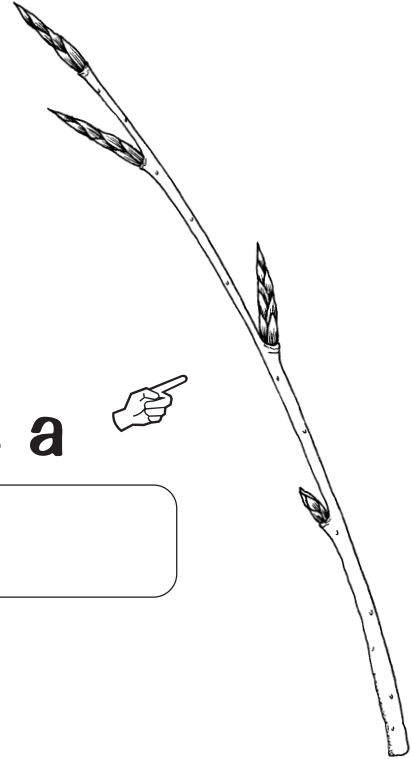
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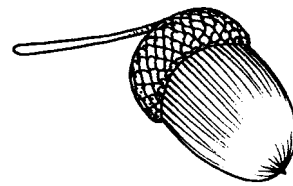
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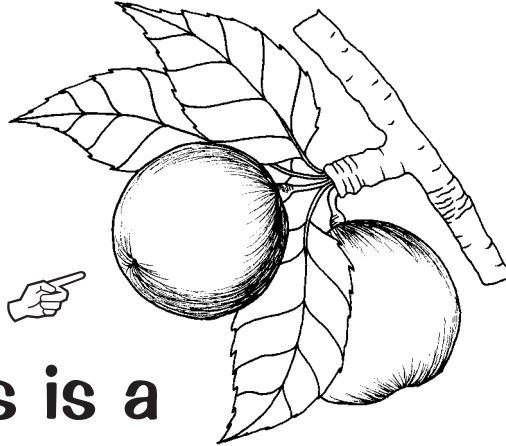
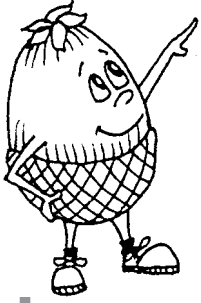
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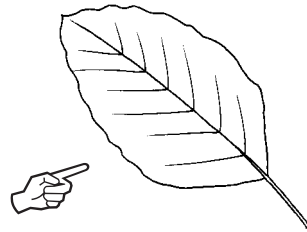
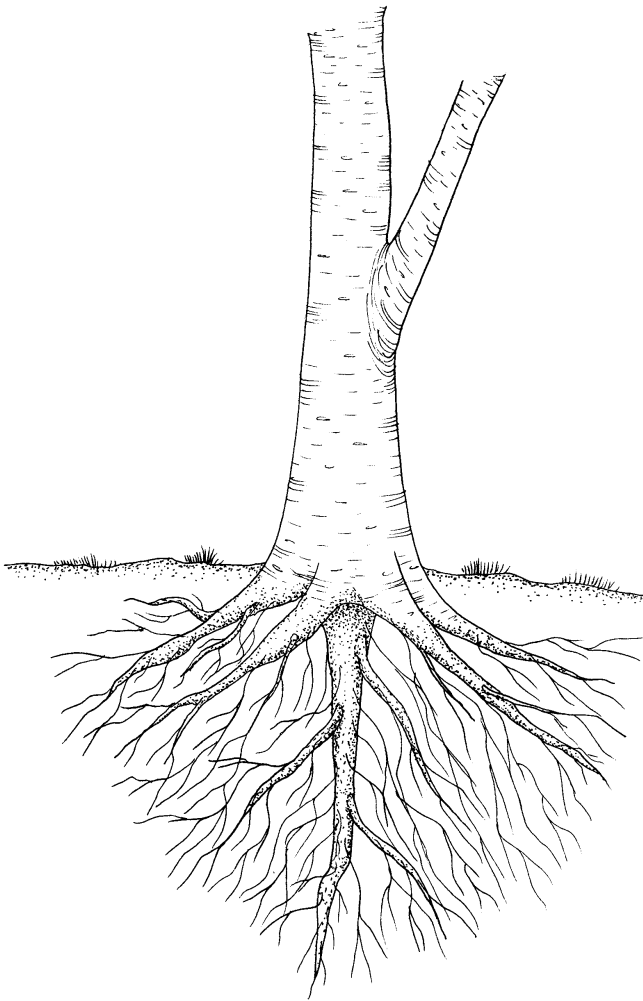
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# Parts of a Tree



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## Word Bank

roots

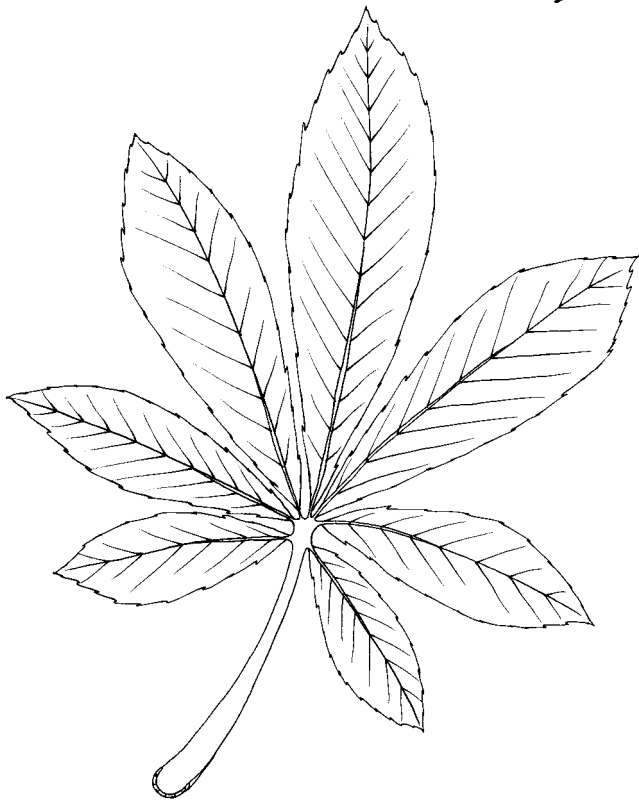
leaf

fruit

# Parts of a Tree

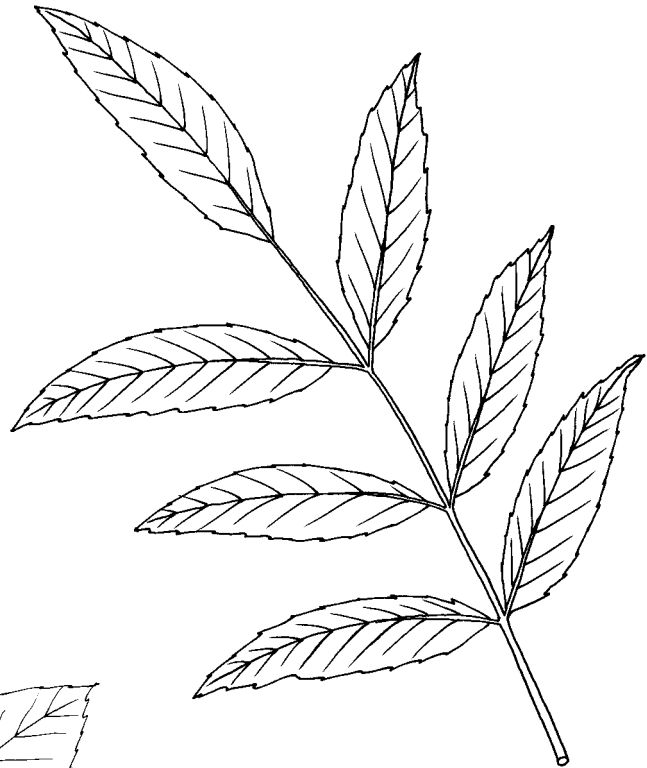
Count the leaflets on these leaves.

Write the numbers in the boxes.



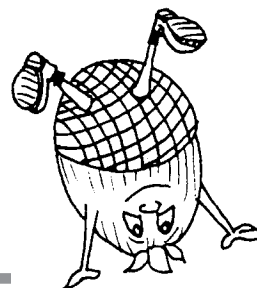
Horse chestnut

How many leaflets?



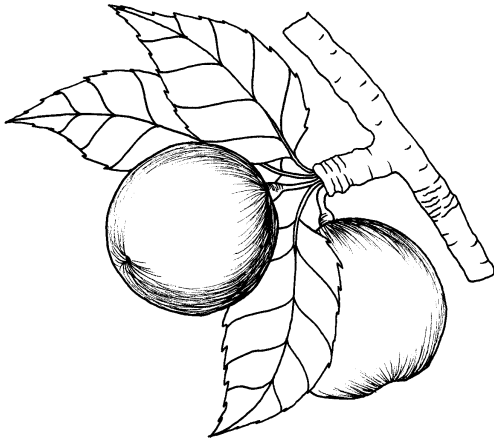
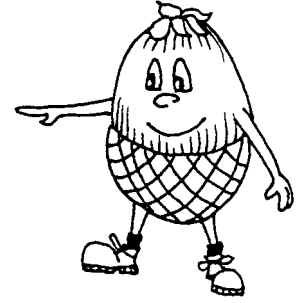
Ash

How many leaflets?

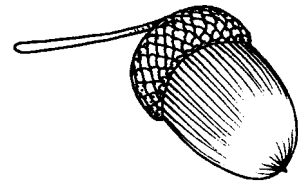


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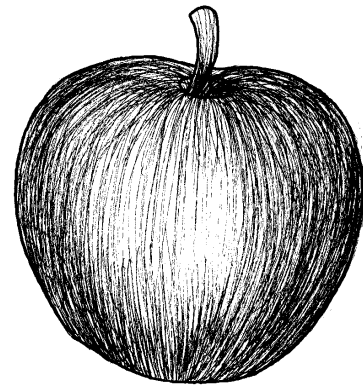
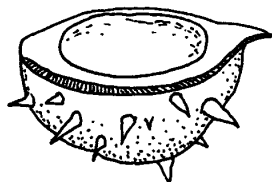
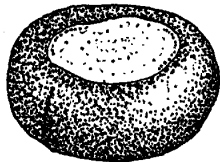
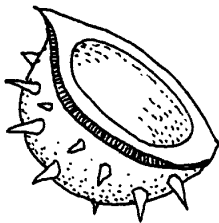
Choose a word for each.



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Colour the pictures.

Word Bank

smooth

oval

rough

juicy

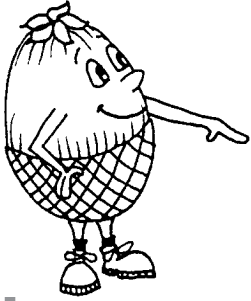
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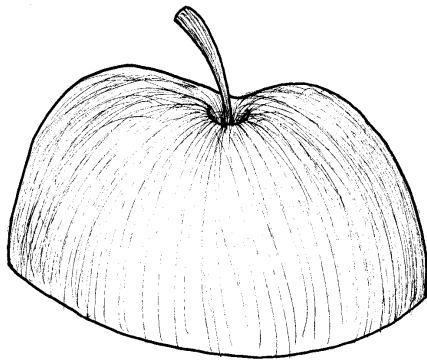
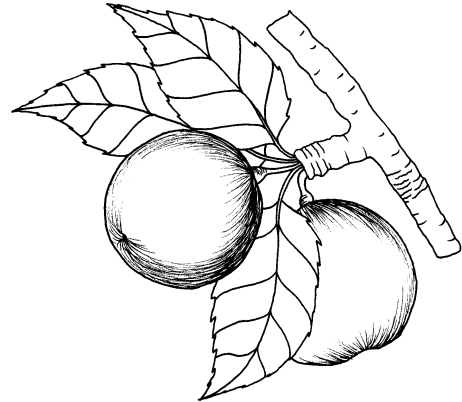
soft

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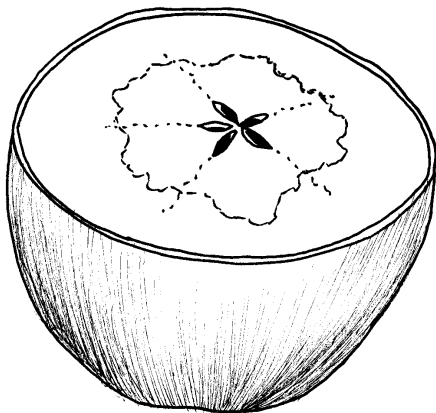
# Fruits and Seeds



apples



\* What colour are the seeds?  
\_\_\_\_\_



\* Count the seeds.

How many?

\* Where are the seeds?

\_\_\_ n \_\_\_ d \_\_\_ the apple.

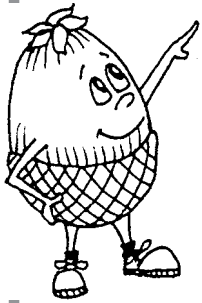
Word Bank

inside brown outside white

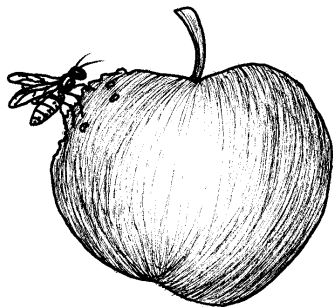


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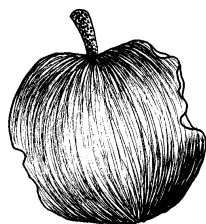
Who eats  
apples?



— — eat apples.



A — — — — eats apples.



A — — — — eats apples.

Word Bank

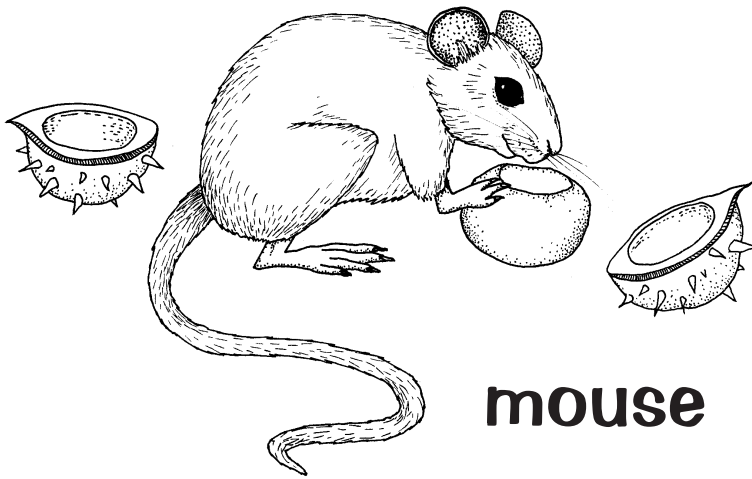
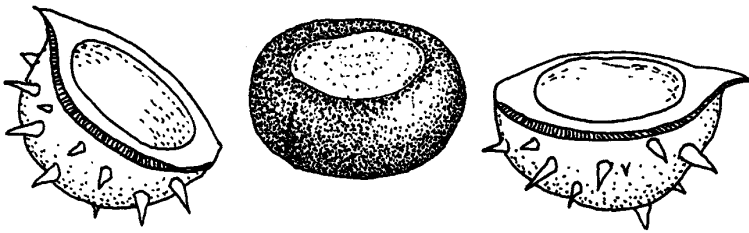
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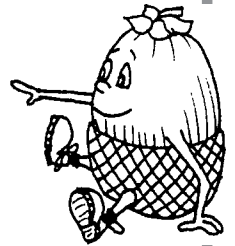
hedgehog

# Fruits and Seeds

chestnuts



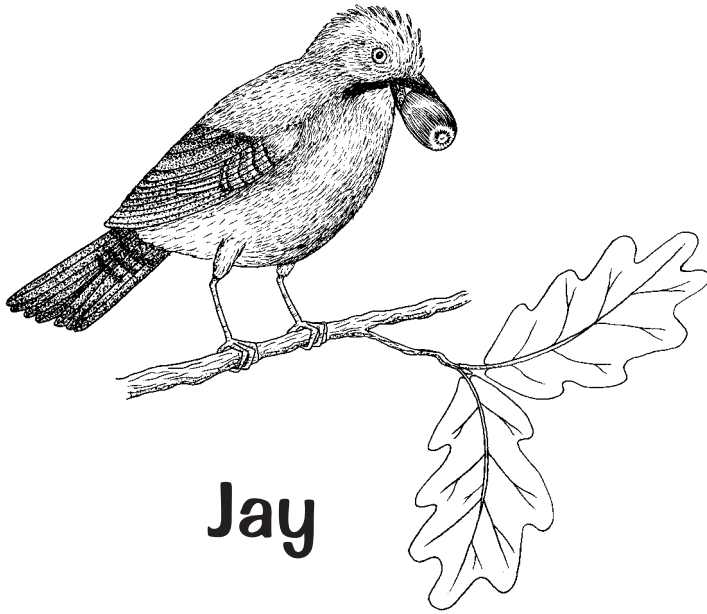
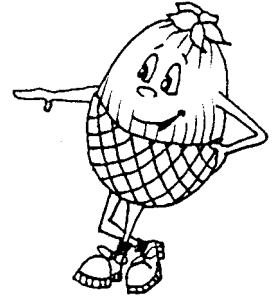
mouse



The mouse is eating a

c \_ \_ \_ t \_ \_ \_ .

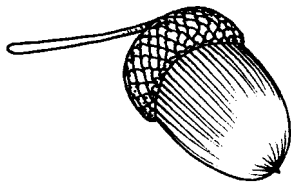
# Fruits and Seeds



Jay



acorns



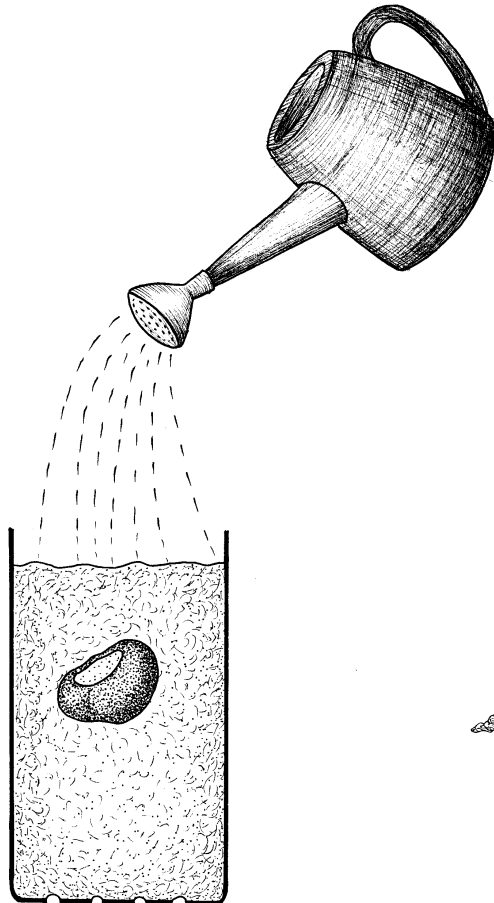
Jays and  
squirrels eat

squirrel

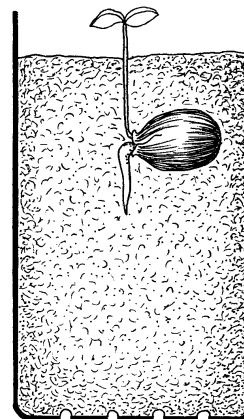
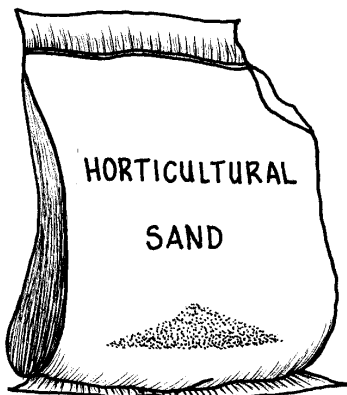
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# Fruits and Seeds

## Growing Seeds



## Chestnut



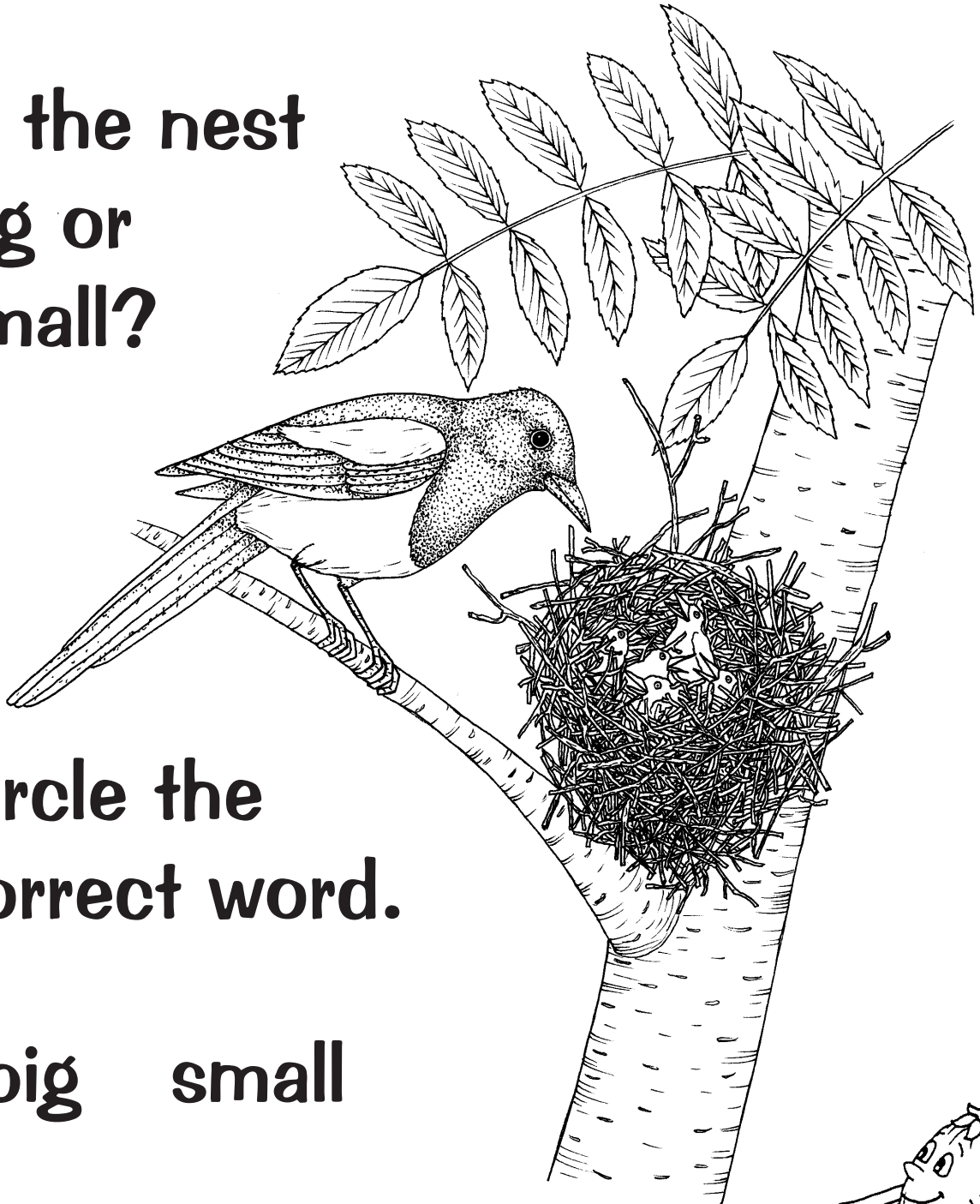
## Acorn



# Trees as Homes

A magpie's nest is made of twigs. It is a big nest.

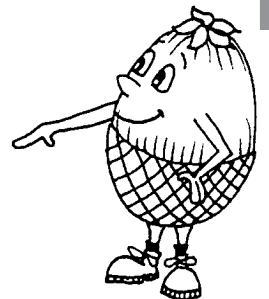
Is the nest big or small?



Circle the correct word.

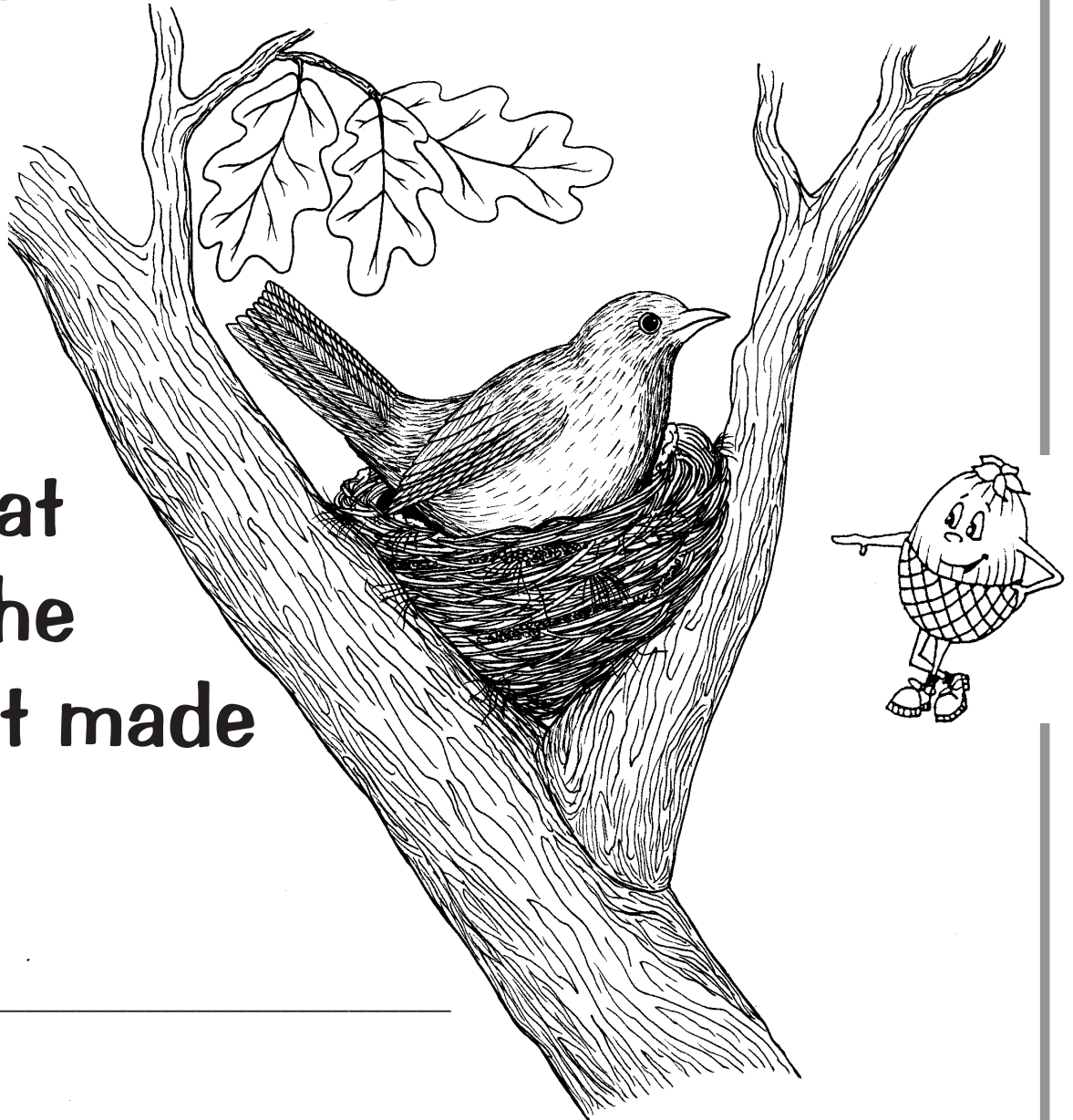
big    small

Colour the picture.



# Trees as Homes

A blackbird's nest is made of twigs, moss, grass and wool.



What is the nest made of?

1 \_\_\_\_\_

2 \_\_\_\_\_

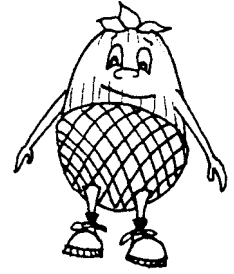
3 \_\_\_\_\_

4 \_\_\_\_\_

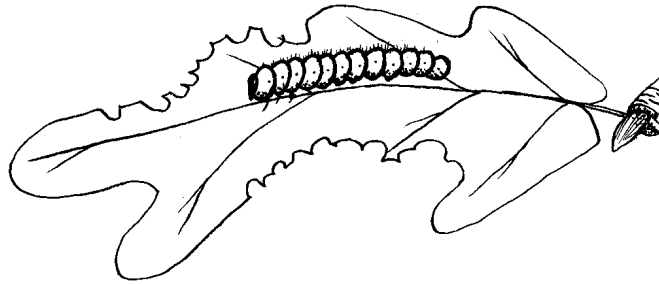
Colour the picture.

# Trees as Homes

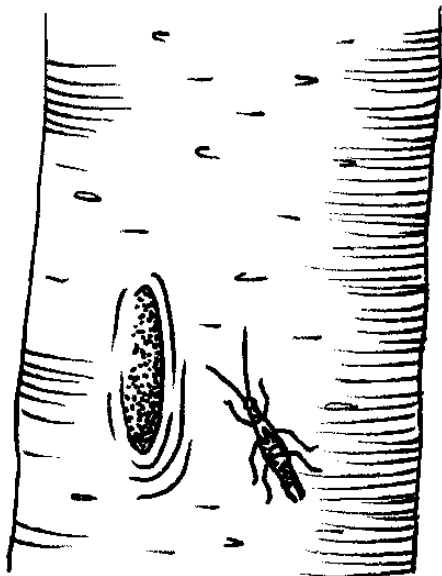
Birds find their food  
in trees.



I see a



on the leaf.



I see an

on the trunk of  
the tree.

Colour the pictures.

Word Bank

caterpillar

insect

# Poems

## Pussy Willows

*Aileen Fisher*



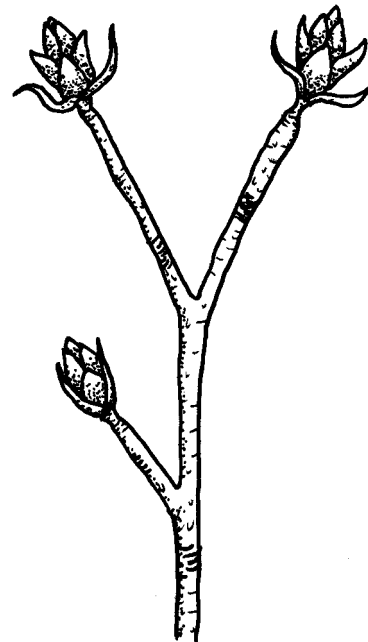
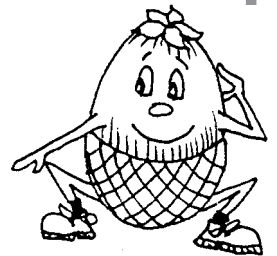
Close your eyes  
And do not peep  
And I'll rub Spring  
Across your cheek—  
Smooth as satin,  
Soft and sleek—  
Close your eyes  
And do not peep.

## Leaf Buds

*Aileen Fisher*

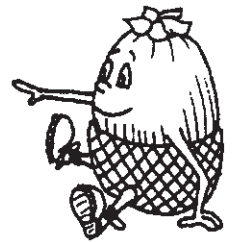
All winter in the tree buds,  
The little leaves lie packed  
With tiny coats of April green  
All folded and exact.

And when the time is ready  
(I wonder how they know?)  
They quietly unfold themselves  
And break and grow.



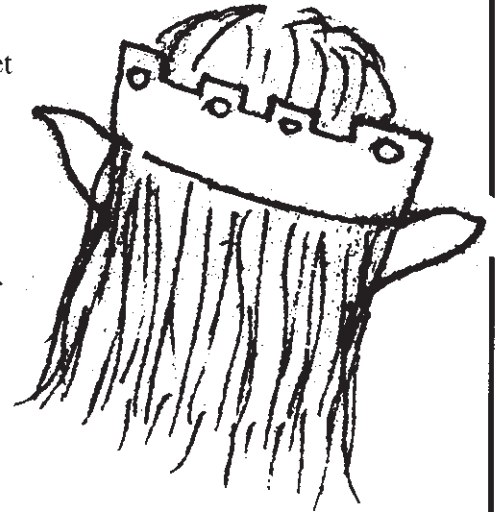


# Stories from the past about trees



## The king who had horse's ears

Once upon a time, a long time ago, there was a king in Ireland called *Labhra Loingse*. He had a terrible secret that he kept from everyone. He had horse's ears instead of normal ears. He kept them hidden by growing his hair very long and by always wearing a helmet.



He got these ears as a punishment for being very cruel. His horse would not run as fast as he wanted him to, so he got off and started beating the animal savagely. A fairy woman appeared and told him that he was a very cruel man and that she would punish him. She pointed her finger at his head and changed his ears into long hairy horse's ears.

No doctor or magician in Ireland could remove the magic spell and change his ears back to normal. So the king grew his hair long to cover his ears. But every year he had to get his hair cut. The barber cutting the hair would see the horse's ears on the king's head. But before he could tell anyone the king would have him killed. He was still a cruel king.

Nobody wanted to cut his hair and the barbers would all hide when the time came for the king's annual haircut. One year the only barber that could be found was a young man who lived in a village at the other end of the country from the king's palace. He was the only son of a poor widow woman. She went to the king and pleaded with him not to kill her son when he had cut his hair. The king didn't want to promise but she kept pestering him. In the end he said that he would spare her son if he could keep a secret for the rest of his life.



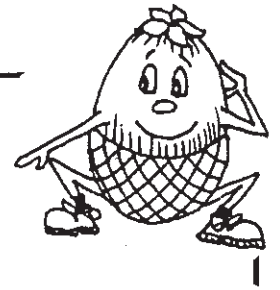
Willow

When the barber was cutting the king's hair he soon saw the horse's ears. The king made him promise never to tell a living person what he had seen. The barber promised of course, as he didn't want to be killed. However, he nearly burst trying to keep the secret and he got afraid that he might tell it in his sleep. He was very worried and he asked his mother for advice. She said that he had only promised not to tell a living person - he could tell a tree. So he went to where there was a large willow tree and he whispered the secret to the tree.

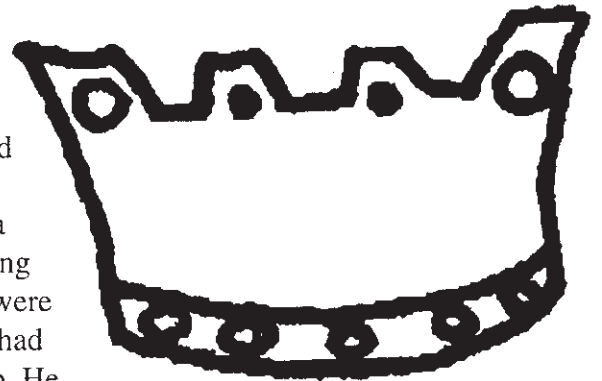
*"Labhra Loingse has horse's ears"*



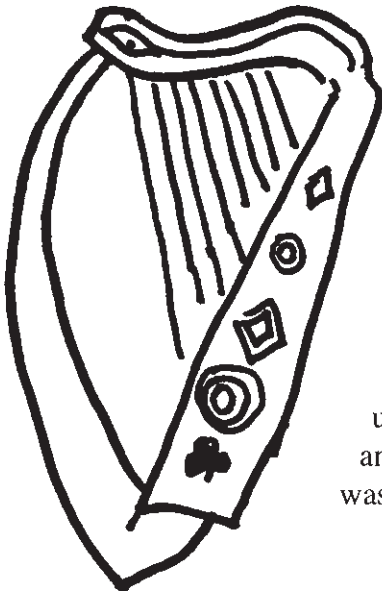
# Stories from the past about trees



He felt much better after that and he was able to continue working as the king's barber. One day the king decided to have a huge party with lots of lovely food and music for all the guests. In those days the music was played on harps and he asked his chief Harper to make a new harp to play at the feast. The Harper went out looking for a willow tree to make the harp from, because harps were made from willow. He saw the very tree that the barber had



whispered the secret to and cut it down to make the harp. He made a magnificent harp from it and everyone was looking forward to hearing him play the new song he had composed specially.

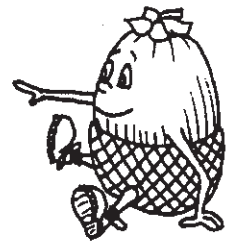


At the feast when everyone had eaten, the Harper got up to play his new harp. However when he played it, it did not play the tune the Harper wanted. All it played was what the barber had whispered to it:

*"Labhra Loinsigh has horse's ears, Labhra Loinsigh has horse's ears".*

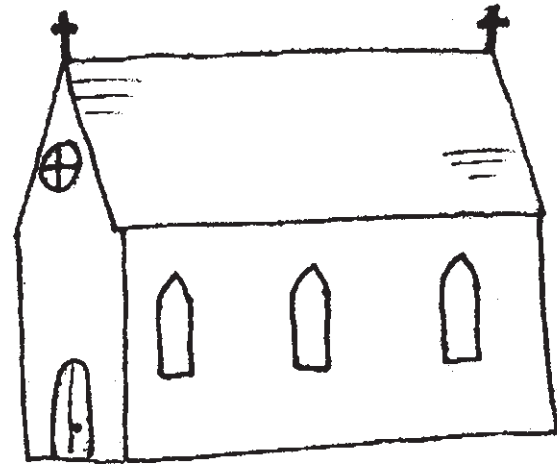
Everyone heard and stared at the king. He got such a fright that he jumped up suddenly and his helmet fell off. As he had just got his hair cut that day, his horse's ears were sticking out for all to see. The people then knew why he was so cruel and why he used to kill his barbers. They no longer wanted him for their king and he was sent away. They got a much nicer king after that and it was all thanks to the willow tree who told his secret.

# Stories from the past about trees



## Saint Brigid's Church

**B**rigid was a beautiful young woman who lived in Ireland just after the time St. Patrick came here. She was so impressed with the faith that he had brought, that she decided she was going to be a nun and spend all her life helping poor people. There were still many pagan chieftains in Ireland at that time and many of them wanted to marry Brigid because she was so beautiful. But she refused them all because she wanted to be a nun.



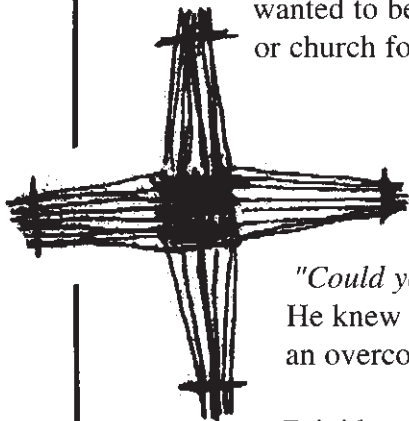
A chieftain in Leinster really wanted to marry her and he thought that if he brought her to his place and showed her all his land he would change his mind. He brought Brigid to where there was a great view over his property and there under a huge oak tree he again asked Brigid to marry him. But she refused, saying that she really, really wanted to be a nun. He asked how could she be a nun when there was no convent or church for her to join.

So she asked him for some of his fine land to build a convent and a church on. But he was cross because she wouldn't marry him and said that he couldn't spare any. Looking over all his property she said,

*"Could you not even give me the amount of land that my cloak would cover?"*  
He knew that would not be nearly enough, for Brigid's cloak was just the size of an overcoat, so to stop her annoying him, he agreed.

Brigid took off her cloak and spread it on the ground under the mighty oak tree. And God worked a miracle and caused the cloak to spread and spread until it covered enough land for a church and a convent. The chieftain was so impressed that he gave her the land and became a Christian himself.

St. Brigid built her first convent and church there and it was called Cill Dara - the Church of the Oak Tree. It was built where the town of Kildare stands today. St. Brigid was very kind to poor people and was able to work miracles. There was always food for hungry people who visited her convent. Today we remember St. Brigid by making a St. Brigid's Cross from rushes on her feast-day, the first of February - the first day of spring.

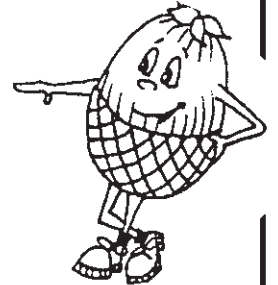


Oak

# Worksheet A

## ART

Ask the children to make drawings to illustrate both of the stories above. Bring in leaves of oak and willow into class so that the pupils can see what these leaves look like.



## SCIENCE

Collect some acorns towards the end of autumn. The pupils can be encouraged to plant them in yoghurt cartons on the windowsill for planting out the following spring. Details of how to plant are given in Module 1 - Worksheet 10, and Teachers' Notes 6 of the Tree Day Pack.