

3.48 Questions about pine trees

Topic: Plants

Subtopic: Habitats

Activity type/skill: Question forms

Literacy focus: Writing

Genre: Questions

Objective

- Provide an opportunity to discuss and answer 'wh', 'is' and 'do' questions.

What you need

- Student worksheet (see next page)

What to do

1. Go outside and look at a pine tree, if possible. Discuss its appearance. What are its roots, trunk, branches, needles and cones like? Have student feel, smell and draw the pine tree and its parts.
2. Look at the first page of the student worksheet and read the text together.
3. Look at the second page of the student worksheet. Read each question aloud in turns and talk about the correct answer.
4. Write the answers, out of order, on the board. Have the students write the answers to the questions focusing on accuracy – capitals, full stops and the first words coming from the question in 'wh' answers, capitals for Yes/No.

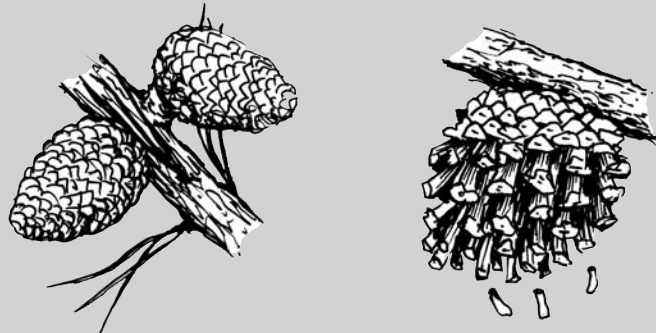
Pine trees



Pine trees are very important in New Zealand. There are forests of pine trees in most parts of the country.

Pine trees have a strong, straight trunk with rough, brown bark. The branches of a pine tree grow in whorls around the main trunk.

Pine trees are evergreen. They have needle-shaped leaves. Pine needles grow in groups of three triangular needles about 100mm long.



Pine trees are conifers. They produce cones, not fruit. Each cone has lots of seeds. When the seeds are ripe, the cones open and the seeds drop to the ground.

The wood of pine trees is used for building houses, furniture, fences, boxes and many other things. Pine wood is also used to make paper.



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What do pine trees look like?

Do pine trees grow in New Zealand?

Do pine tree leaves have serrated edges?

Are pine trees deciduous or evergreen?

What is the wood of pine trees used for?

Do pine cones have one seed or many seeds?

Are pine cones used for food?

How do pine needles grow?

What are pine trees?

Where do pine trees grow

Is the bark of a pine tree rough or smooth?
