

Leaf Game:

Look for a few interesting leaves that will be good to describe. Choose one. Complete the chart with the perfect words to help you describe the leaf you chose.

Next, write a description of your leaf. It needs to be accurate and complete – someone will be reading it and using the description to try and pick out your leaf! However, don't tell us the particular tree your leaf is from – that takes the fun out of trying to find it.

Use the two reference sheets to help you describe the shape of your leaf, leaf margins, venation patterns, etc.

EDITING and SPELLING count – and include at least one simile and/or example of personification. Consider adding a question or exclamatory sentence.

Make sure your sentences start in different ways, and that they are not short and choppy.

Example:

My leaf is circular in shape, with a palmate venation pattern. If you measure it, you'll discover that it is three inches wide by three inches high. I think it looks like a colorful star. The margins of the leaf are serrate, jagged and sharp, just like the blade of a dinner knife. A crimson and brown border surrounds the leaf, but the inside sections are still yellow-green. Even though my leaf is starting to dry out, it is still shiny and smooth. The veins of the leaf really stand out because they are yellow-gold. There is a vein that connects to the tip of each of the sections of the leaf. The main vein ends in the stem of the leaf, and it is hard and thick. Four small holes are scattered around the surface of the leaf, and they have very dark (almost black) edges surrounding them. Can you find my leaf?