

Fact cards

When students have learned necessary information on the focus topic, give them the task of developing identification cards for a third party such as parents or other students. Students need to be familiar with the vocabulary and attributes they wish to describe.

A leaf fact card might contain:

- name of the plant
- a drawing of the leaf
- colour
- shape
- serrated or non-serrated
- compound or simple
- bi-pinnate
- leaflet
- veins
- size.

The level of information will depend on the age of students. Preschool and preparatory aged students are able to draw, colour and measure a leaf, while Year 3 students would be able to discuss the more scientific aspects of the subject.

The cards are then used in a real life way on an open day for parents or for another class to identify the plants.

Other subjects suitable for this activity are:

- seeds
- caterpillars
- plants
- flowers
- trees.

An example of a fact card.

Name	
Shape	
Colour	
Size	
Simple or compound	

The child draws the leaf in this box.