



Activity

# Draw a tree

Observe a tree, or the growth of its leaves, to see the changes taking place, for example in spring in April or May.

## MATERIALS

- Coloured pencil crayons
- Drawing tablet or paper and a clipboard



## PART 1

1. Find a spot in nature where there are trees. Sit comfortably in front of a tree, at a far enough distance for you to observe and draw it.
2. Observe the color and shape of the leaves on the tree, the texture of its bark.
  - Do you see the roots of the tree?
  - Is the trunk wide or narrow, straight or curved, short or long?
  - What do you see on the branches of the tree?
3. Draw the tree as you see it.
4. Indicate the date on your drawing so that you remember when you first drew the tree.
5. Remember where you are sitting now because you will return to this same spot on your next visit.
  - Do you think the tree will look the same on your next visit?



## PART 2

1. A few weeks after your first drawing, or during another season, return to the same spot you drew the tree the first time.
2. Draw the tree again.
3. Compare your two drawings.
  - Has the tree changed?
  - What's different? The leaves, the branches?
  - Do you see things on the tree that you didn't notice during your first visit?