

## Exploring a hedge?

**What you need:** A pen or pencil.

Hedges are usually made up of different kinds of shrubs. Shrubs are small bushy trees.

**Choose a leaf from your hedge and answer the following questions:**

**1. What kind of shrub is the leaf from?**

Use the leaf ID sheet or ask your teacher.

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**2. What kind of shape is the leaf?**

Circle the closest picture below.

**Simple**

Roundish



Long or linear



Lobed



**Compound**

Made up of smaller leaves called 'leaflets'



**3. What is the edge of the leaf like?**

Circle the closest answer or write your own.

Smooth      Hairy      Jagged      Prickly

My description:

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**4. What is the colour of the leaf like?**

Circle the closest answer or write your own.

Light green      Dark green

Yellow green      Blue green

Brown green      Yellow

Orange      Brown

My description:

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**5. How long is the leaf from the tip to where it joins the stem?**

Use the ruler on the edge of this worksheet to measure the leaf.

\_\_\_\_\_ cm

**Can you find out more?**

Choose one of the shrubs found in your hedge and find out more about it back at school. Find out where in the countryside it prefers to live, how tall it can grow, if it produces flowers or fruit, what animals rely on it for food and maybe some of its uses.

