



Why Do We Need Trees?

You need a list of animals that depend on trees e.g. aphid, beetle, blue tit, dormouse, spider, bat, squirrel, great tit, nuthatch, jay, caterpillar, owl, butterfly, wood mouse, pigeon, woodpecker, wood wasp, woodlouse.

1. Can any of the children name an animal that lives in a tree? If they can, they can be that animal. If they are unable to do so, give them an animal to use.
2. About six children are 'trees', standing apart. All 'creatures' go and stand by a 'tree' of their choice.
3. When you shout 'change', all creatures have to change trees. The children are only allowed to breathe when they are at a 'tree', and must hold their breath while running between trees.
4. The game is made more difficult as the woodcutter (you!) removes trees, forcing the children to hold their breath for longer between widely spaced trees.

Finally, when all the 'creatures' are clustered around the last remaining tree, ask 'why do we need trees?' The children will probably answer 'to breath'!



Animals to Print and Use

Aphid	Beetle
Blue Tit	Dormouse
Spider	Bat
Squirrel	Great Tit
Nuthatch	Jay
Caterpillar	Owl
Butterfly	Wood Mouse
Woodpecker	Wood Wasp
Woodlouse	Bumblebee