

From a Tree?

Trees have many uses other than providing shade, beauty and oxygen to breathe. Here's a brainstorming activity for discovering the many ways we depend on trees in daily life. Working in teams will help generate ideas.

Activity: Tree Product Game

Materials: 8 1/2" x 11" paper, scissors, small container, scrap paper, pencils

- 1.) Divide into groups of 4 to 6 people, depending on the number of participants. Choose one person to record brainstorming ideas, or take turns.
- 2.) Make one master list of the following categories and examples on the 8 1/2" x 11" sheet of paper, leaving room to cut them into strips:



<u>Category</u>	<u>Example</u>
- Home Furnishings	table
- Musical Instruments	violin
- Sporting Goods	baseball bat
- Tools	shovel
- Found in a school classroom	pencil
- Food	maple syrup
- Building supplies	plywood
- Transportation	hay wagon

- 3.) Cut the categories into separate slips and mix them up in the container. Have each group pick a slip.
- 4.) Each group takes 10 minutes to think of as many tree products as they can for the category they have drawn.
- 5.) Discuss the results with the entire group. Can you think of any products not mentioned in a category? Can you think of another category?

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