

Instructions:

This PDF contains simple definitions for the Parts of the Leaf.

The page is laid out in a grid style and the page should be cut along these lines to separate each definition.

Trim each definition so that when mounted on Green card a Green border is visible.

Each card should be the same size as the cards used for the pictures card of Parts of the Leaf and are used after the child has experienced a real leaf, matched the picture cards & matched the name cards to the picture cards. The definition cards are very simple and offer basic information for the child to read independently. The child may not be able to read/understand each word but he/she will get the general meaning of the definition.

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## The Leaf

The leaf is like a little factory which makes food for the plant. It also gets rid of excess water in the plant.

## The Stipule

The stipule is small and leaf-like. It is found at the end of the petiole. It protects the little lateral bud where the leaf joins the stem of the plant.

## The Vein

The vein is the pathway through a leaf. Water and mineral salts travel along it to the blade. The food then travels through the veins back into the plant.

## The Blade

The blade is flat and broad. It takes in gases from the air. It absorbs sunlight and uses this to make food for the plant.

## The Petiole

The petiole joins a leaf to a plant. Water and mineral salts travel through it from the stem to the leaf. It holds a leaf away from the stem so that it can absorb light.

## The Margin

The margin of the leaf is the outside edge of the leaf. The margin can be smooth, toothed, lobed or parted.