

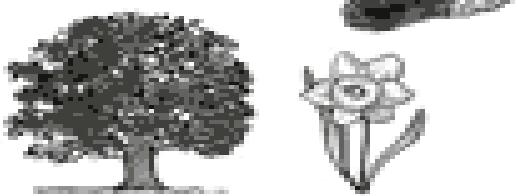


Yes or no?

Background knowledge

Some dichotomous keys used to identify plants and animals ask yes or no questions. They also rely on looking for clear differences. Questions are numbered and answered in order. Look at the three pictures. A simple key would be:

- 1 Is the plant over 6 feet tall?
If yes, go to 2; if no, go to 3.
- 2 It is an oak tree.
- 3 Does the plant have a flower?
If yes, go to 4; if no, go to 5.
- 4 It is a daffodil.
- 5 It is moss.

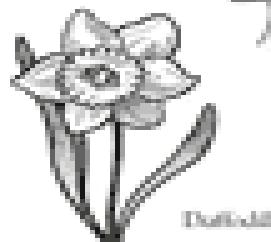


Science activity

Make a yes/no key to distinguish between the different flowers shown below.







Science investigation.

Collect some flowers and create your own yes/no key. Ask an adult to help you. If there are no flowers available, then use pictures of flowers.

