

There are two main parts to the leaf of a tree.

The green part itself – the **BLADE**.

The stalk which attaches it to the tree – the **PETIOLE**.

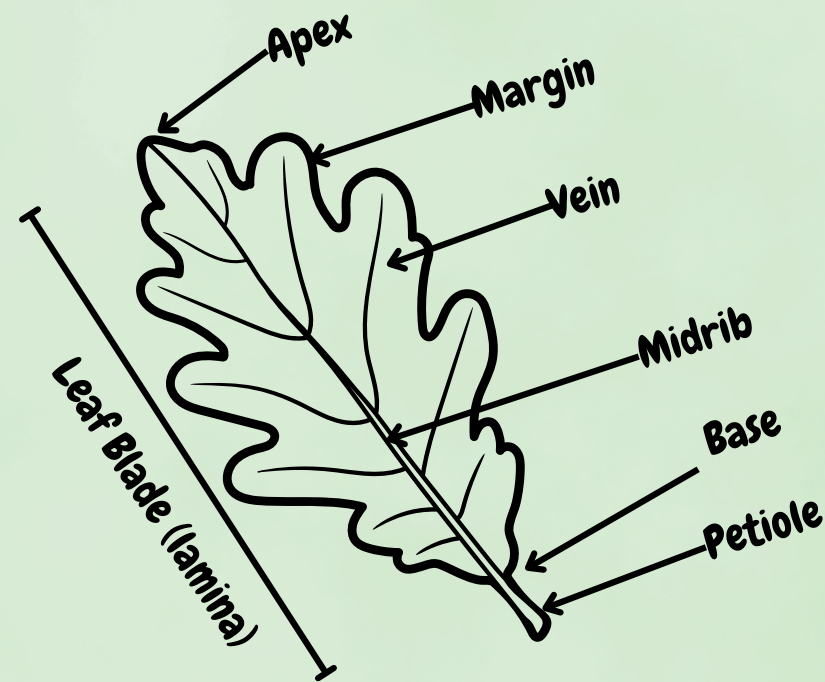
A **SIMPLE** leaf has just a **BLADE** and a **PETIOLE**.

A **COMPOUND** leaf has several **LEAFLETS** attached to a **PETIOLE**.

# Know Your Leaves!

**SIMPLE** leaves can be **LOBED** like the **HAWTHORN** and **OAK** or have **SEVERAL POINTS** like **SYCAMORE** and **MAPLE**.

They can have **PRICKLY** edges like **HOLLY** or **TOOTHED** edges like **BIRCH**, **HAZEL**, **ALDER** and **CHERRY** or indeed the edges may be completely **SMOOTH** as in **BEECH**.



**COMPOUND** leaves can have all the **LEAFLETS** attached to a single point at the top of the **PETIOLE** as in the **HORSE CHESTNUT**.

Or there can be **PAIRS** of **LEAFLETS** with one leaf at the top of the **PETIOLE** as in **ROWAN**, **ASH** and **ELDER**.

