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# Ximena Miranda 1

Have you ever tried to identify a tree species? Well, before they lose all their leaves, you'll love to learn how to do it! I'll bring some samples from campus trees and show you how to do it! You'll learn how to take a sample that shows the leaves' pattern of growth, and tell you how to use your exploratory senses to determine the family or species the tree belongs to.

When reading the first pages of *Mindstorms*, I was sad because I was one of those persons who had never played with gears. . . but then I started to think about my own learning experiences that involved playing, and I thought that identifying trees was one of them. It's like playing with the leaves, you get to smell them, touch them, see them carefully. . . and it's also like an everyday Trivia when you walk through the campus and already know some of them. If you like it, soon you'll be playing a new guessing game while walking to classes.