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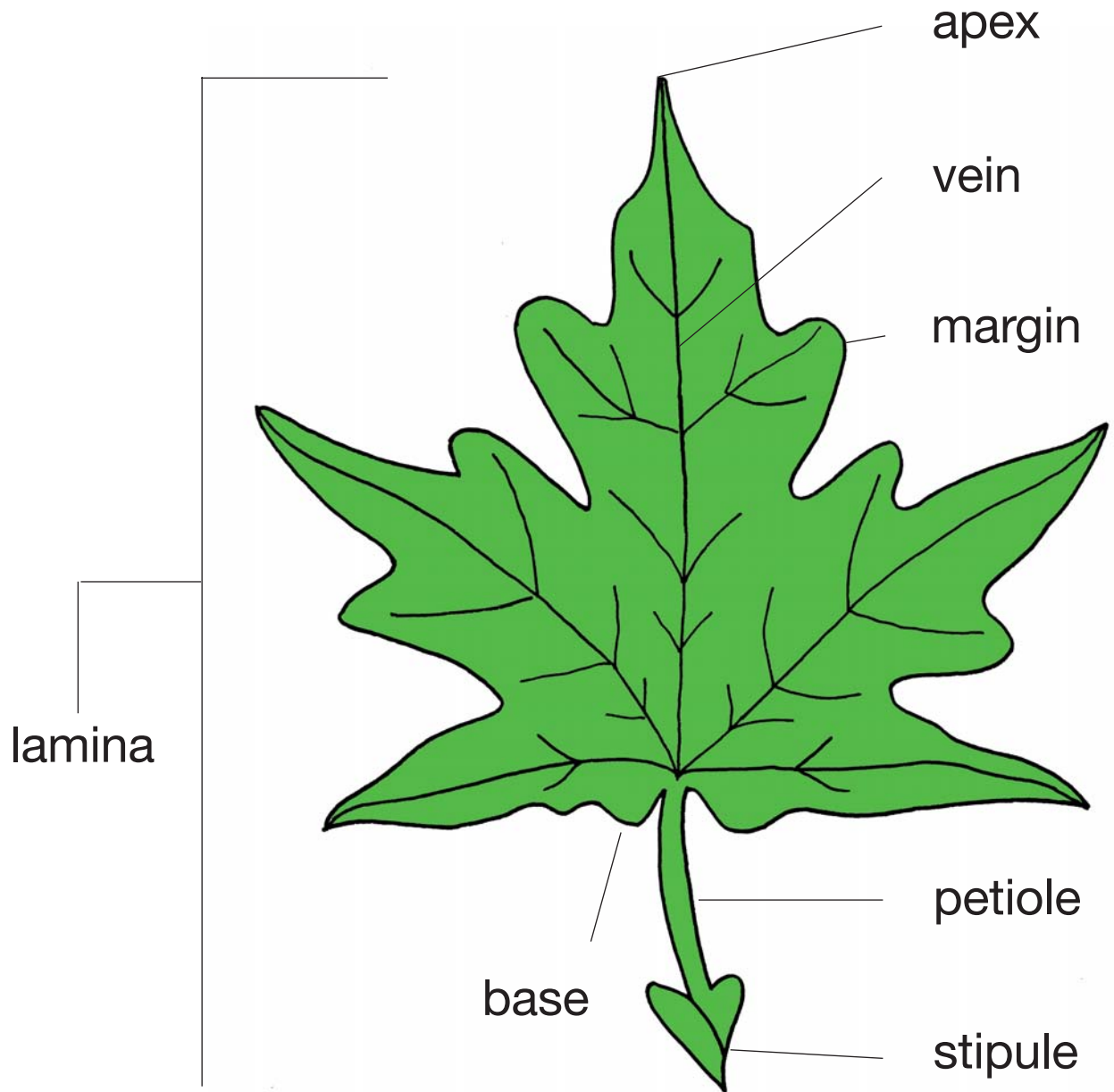
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Parts of the leaf



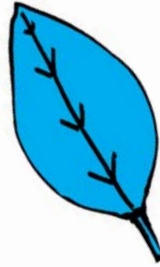
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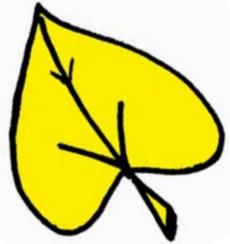
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or ennisformis*



*lance-shaped,
or lansolate*



oval, or ovate



*heart-shaped,
or chordate*



elliptic



*round, rotundifolia
or orbicular*



peltate



*spear-shaped,
or hastate*



lobed or lobata



*spoon-shaped,
or spatulate*



triangular, or deltoid



lyrate

WORKSHEET: PLANT IDENTIFICATION

Student name: _____

Date: _____

Plant: common name _____

Plant: scientific name _____

1. Is the plant a shrub or a tree? _____

Clue: Look at the stems. Do the branches arise near the ground or from higher up on a trunk? If they arise from near the ground and the plant is less than 16 ft (5 m) tall, the plant is a shrub. If branches arise from a trunk and the plant is taller than 16 ft (5 m), it is a tree.

2. Is the plant deciduous or evergreen? _____

Clue: When answering this question in spring or summer look at the leaves. Deciduous leaves are generally broad, flat, and soft. In contrast, evergreen leaves are generally needle-like or scale-like. Some evergreens do have broad leaves, but unlike deciduous leaves, they tend to be tough and leathery.

3. Does the plant produce cones or flowers?

Clue: Conifers generally have needle-like or scale-like leaves.

4. Describe the leaves: compound or simple: _____, lamina shape

_____, margin _____, arrangement _____, venation

_____, smell _____.

5. Describe the flowers, if present: color _____, shape _____,

size _____, complete or incomplete _____, perfect or imperfect

_____, number of petals _____, number of stamens

_____, other comments _____.

6. Describe the cones, if present: _____.