

# Daily Wood



## Discussion

1. Begin the discussion by asking the students what the samples on the table or hidden around the room have in common with each other. Explain that each has some form of wood or forest product in them.
2. Ask the students questions such as: Why is wood important? ANSWER: It helps us breathe by providing oxygen and takes in carbon dioxide that we exhale. How many pounds a day does the average person use in the United States each day? ANSWER: Three (show a wooden object that weighs approx. 3 pounds). How many trees are planted for each one cut down for wood products? ANSWER: Five.
3. Tell that wood comes from the stems of trees and that we now have more wood fiber available in the world than we did in the year 1900 because of reforestation activities.
4. Explain that wood is truly a magical material that provides for our needs each and every day. There are over 5000 items made with wood and forest products that we use every day for our daily wood!! And, wood is a renewable material because we are growing more each day and we have more wood in trees than we did in the year 1900.
5. For more tree and wood fun facts, see the website and links at **[www.woodmagic.vt.edu](http://www.woodmagic.vt.edu)** and the attached sheets.

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This activity teaches the importance of wood in our daily lives and how we use wood every day.



## *INSTRUCTIONS*

1. Explain that this is a Scavenger Hunt or a “Bring me something with wood in it” game.
2. Place items from the materials list around the room, on a table up front, or in a paper grocery bag.
3. Ask the students to identify what the items have in common and then ask them which have wood or a forest product in them. They all do, of course.
4. For more samples and to see how the wood is used in the products, see the attached sheet “Goods from the Woods”. There are over 5,000 items to chose from!

## **EXAMPLE Materials**

paper towels	ice cream	wooden spoons
rubber bands	aspirin	musical instruments
ketchup	shoe polish	photographic film
glue	orange soda pop	toilet paper
hair spray	cinnamon	car wax
crayons	artificial vanilla flavoring	vitamins
rayon and tencel fabric	books	cellophane tape
toothpaste	furniture	tool handles