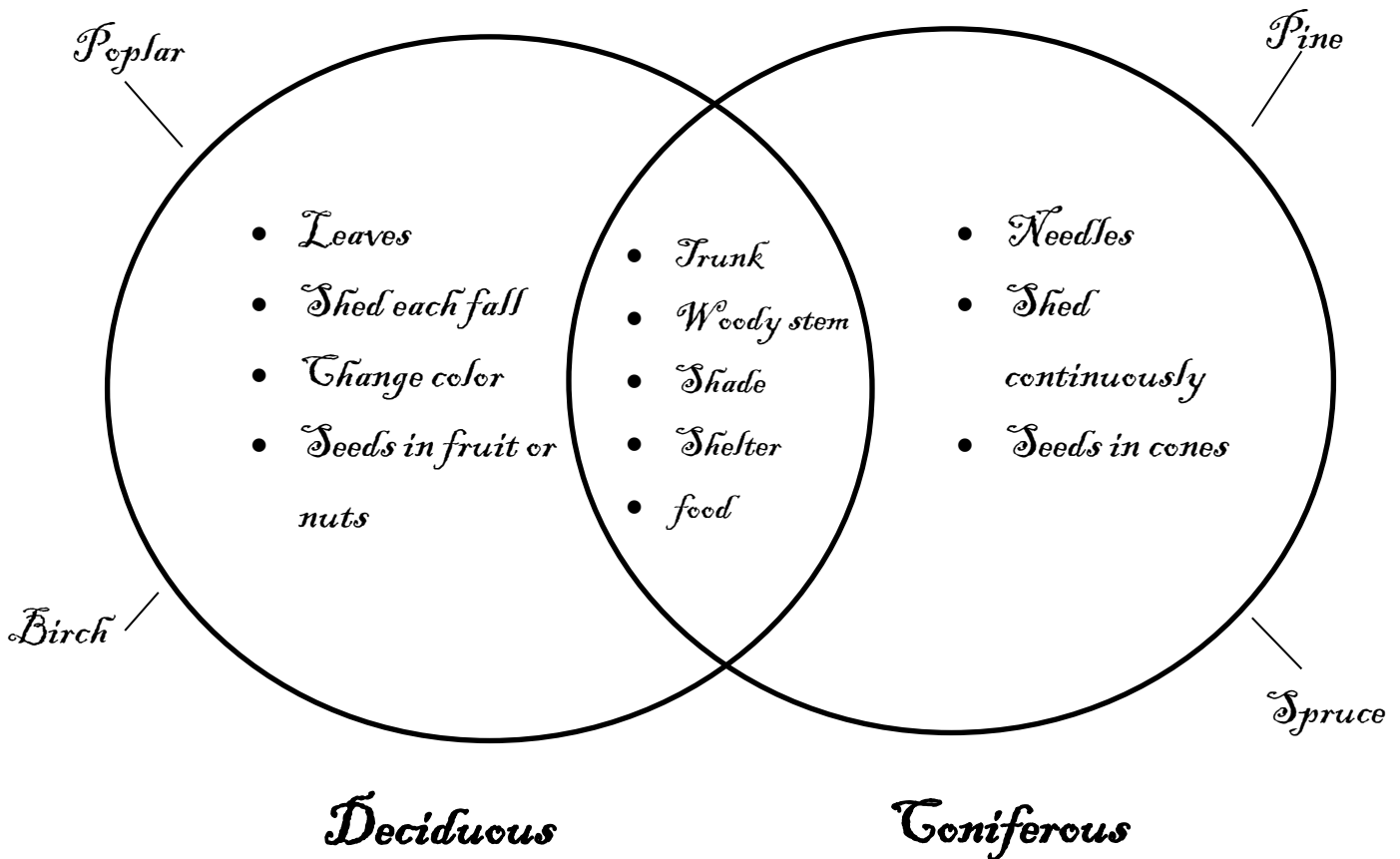


DECIDUOUS OR CONIFEROUS TREES?

I will be able to identify distinguishing characteristics of deciduous and coniferous trees.



Coniferous (a.k.a. conifers or cone bearing trees)

- *Needle-shaped leaves (long, narrow or scale like)*
- *Needles are green all year round (except the tamarack)*
- *Produce female cones (contain seeds and are large and thick scaled) and male cones (smaller, pollen grains and think scaled) on the same tree.*

Deciduous

- *Usually broad-leaved but can also be needle leaf trees such as the larch (tamarack)*
- *Produce either flowers and catkins (scaly structures, containing seeds which fall off the tree) dependent on the tree.*
- *Leaves are flat, green blades and are attached to a branch by a slender stalk called a PETIOLE.*
- *Lose their leaves in the fall*

* The **larch (tamarack)** is both coniferous (cone bearing) and a deciduous tree (loses its leaves in the fall)