

A tale of two trees

Introduction

People and wildlife have relied on woodland for thousands of years. Watch the video introducing the idea of coppicing, then work through the questions below to find out more about these ancient process.



1. **Can you explain how coppicing works? You may like to do some more research and draw some pictures to help with this in the box below. Which trees are most commonly coppiced?**

2. **Why did people traditionally coppice woodland? What did they use the products for?**

3. **Why was it important that not all of the trees were coppiced? What might the older, taller trees have been used for?**

You may find this website helpful: historic-uk.com/CultureUK/The-English-Oak/



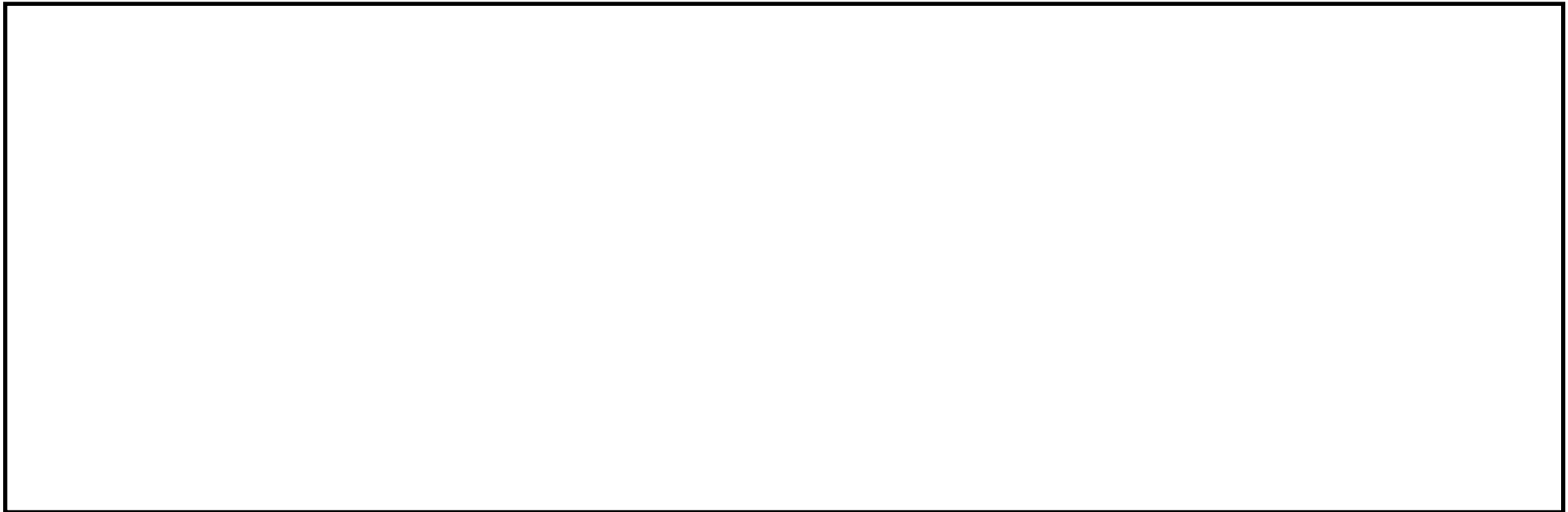
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4. Coppicing alters the structure of the woodland, creating a layered effect. See if you can find out more about the structure of woodland and the names of the different layers then draw a labelled diagram in the box below. You may find these websites useful:

<https://www.conservationhandbooks.com/coppicing-cut-trees-conservation/>

<https://www.wildlifetrusts.org/wildlife-advice/how-manage-woodland-wildlife>



5. Can you find out the names of any species (insects, birds or mammals) that like to live in areas that have been coppiced? See if you can name and draw them in the boxes below.



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