

## Pine Cone Hunt

Pine cones are a symbol of autumn and winter. They grow on conifer trees and can be found scattered on woodland floors making them an excellent item to find on a scavenger hunt. In the UK, traditional pine cones can be found on the Scots Pine, a native conifer tree. The best time to go on a pine cone hunt is between September and December.

The actual pine cone is the reproductive structure, designed to protect the seed with its hard exterior from animals and harsh weather. When the seed has finished growing the pine cone will open up and allow the seed to be dispersed by the wind.

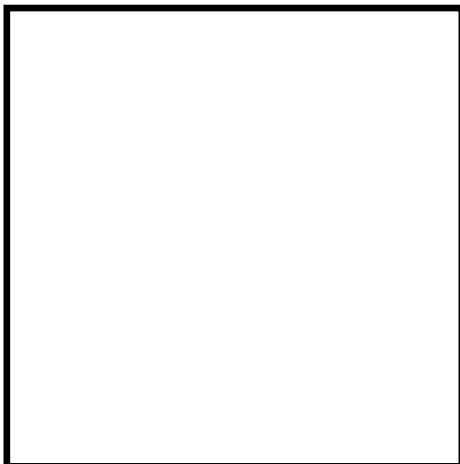
Answer the questions below to help you with your pine cone hunt:

**Under which type of tree will you find pine cones?**

**When do pine cones fall?**

**Is the exterior of a pine cone soft or hard?**

**Draw a picture of pine cone:**



Before you use your pine cone for arts and crafts, it's a good idea to give them a clean.

You can do this by submerging them in a bath of warm water and white vinegar for 30 minutes.

Give them a good stir to remove any dirt and debris before leaving them on an old towel to dry.