

F075 Fun with Forest Facts Activity:

Below is the key to the sample questions used in the "Fun with Forest Facts" activity. The answers are underlined.

1) I am the most common tree in this forest and I may live to be 100 hundred years old. Deer ate some of my leaves and branches when I was very young. I am a:

- A. sugar maple B. birch C. red maple D. sassafras

2) Some of my relatives live in Asia, far away from here. In the spring, I get large greenish yellow flowers with lots of nectar and pollen for bees. I am a:

- A. tulip tree B. wild black cherry C. sassafras D. sugar maple

3) I am sometimes called "touch-me-nots" because if someone touches my seed pods, the seeds pop out. I don't have a lot of seeds right now because I am busy making orange flowers. As you can see, my neighbors and I are growing all over the place. Hummingbirds like our flowers. We are called:

- A. dandelions B. daisies C. violets D. jewel weeds

4) If you look at the bottom of the tree stump, you will see me. I am light brown and strange looking. In fact, I am not really a plant at all. A close relative of mine is white and growing on top of the stump. We are very important because we help break down dead things and return them to the environment. We are both:

- A. mosses B. Fungi C. viruses D. ferns

5) I don't usually grow here. I like to grow mostly in fields where there is lots of sun. I am a very common flower. I am a:

- A. black- eyed Susan B. daisy fleabane C. daisy D. wild rose

6) We are different from most of the other plants in this forest because we don't make seeds. Instead we make tiny things called spores that can only be seen with a microscope. This is as big as we plants will ever get, but thousands of years ago we were huge and very common. We are called:

- A. fungi B. algae C. club mosses D. ferns

7) I will grow to be a tall, beautiful tree, and I am one of the best liked trees in the eastern United States. I may even live to be 250 years old. In March, people can take sap from me and use it to make syrup for pancakes. I am a:

- A. sugar maple B. red oak C. sassafras D. elm tree

8) Like most of the trees in this forest, I get flowers in the spring, but they are hard to see because they don't have any petals. That makes it easier for the wind to spread my pollen. When my flowers die, acorns will form in their place. My wood is very good for making furniture. I am a:

- A. sassafras B. fern C. red oak D. black ash

9) Some people call us umbrella plants, but that's not our real name. We sometimes grow a round yellow fruit on the stem that tastes somewhat like strawberries. It is the only part of us that is not poisonous. My fruit is safe to eat only when it is yellow and ripe. We are called:

- A. violets B. mayapples C. daisies D. black- eyed Susans

10) As you can see, my smooth gray bark makes people want to carve their names in me. This is bad because I

can get infected with a plant fungus or virus. Every 2 to 3 years I produce lots and lots of seeds, which feed many animals. My wood has been used to make tool handles and clothespins. I am a:

- A. cucumber magnolia B. dogwood C. sugar maple D. beech

II) I am not a tree, but am a shrub instead. I get pretty pink or white flowers. When they die, seeds form in their place in seed pods called "hips". I am a:

- A. wild rose bush B. dogwood C. hemlock D. lilac bush

12) We are popular houseplants because people think that we are pretty. We never get flowers or seeds, but get tiny little spores instead that can only be seen with a microscope. Most of us don't get very big, but thousands of years ago, we grew huge and were much more common than we are today. We are called:

- A. club moss B. fungus C. moss D. ferns

13) My long needles are soft enough that animals and even birds eat them. I'm not as common as I used to be because in the 1700's and 1800's, my wood was used for many things such as ships, bridges, homes, and furniture. I am a:

- A. hemlock B. scotch pine C. white pine D. blue spruce

14) I am one of the first trees to grow in a deserted field. My leaves have 3 different shapes. One is very plain and simple. One has three lobes or sections, and one looks like a mitten. See if you can find all three shapes. The bark of my roots has been used to make tea, soap, and perfume. I am a:

- A. sassafras B. red maple C. dogwood D. birch