

# Activity: Musical Trees

## Learning objectives

- To encourage pupils to think about the effects of habitat loss and deforestation.

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mins

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## Teacher Preparation

Site visit, risk assessment and preparation of materials.

## Equipment & Resources

- Animal, minibeast and bird masks (this can be done beforehand as an art activity). If you don't have time to make masks sticky labels with animal names will do.
- Chairs
- Music

## Main activity

This is a great activity to do as part of a physical education session. It can be played with pupils wearing masks of different species or just as an alternative game to musical chairs.

1. The rules are the same as musical chairs with the chairs representing trees.
2. When the music stops chairs are taken away. Tell the pupils why there are less trees (chairs), storms, timber cut for paper/furniture industry, forest cleared for housing, new road or shopping centre.
3. The children in their role as woodland creatures should identify that their homes are being lost.
4. At the end of the game get the pupils to sit in a circle to discuss how they felt as woodland creatures.