3.44 Drawing trees

Topic: Plants **Subtopic:** Habitats

Activity type/skill: Giving descriptions

Literacy focus: Speaking **Genre:** Descriptions

Objective

 Provide an opportunity to repeat vocabulary and structures in a situation that requires clarity.

What you need

• Student worksheet (see next page)

What to do

- 1. Look at the first page of the student worksheet and explain that students will follow other students' instructions to draw in the boxes.
- 2. The first student describes one feature of a tree, for example, height. The other students must draw from the description quick sketches that they will use to construct a drawing when all the boxes have been filled.
- 3. The next student describes another feature while the others draw and so on until all the boxes have been filled.
- 4. On the second page of the student worksheet, have students draw a tree that has the features they sketched in the boxes. Students compare their trees and compare them with a real tree in a picture or outside the classroom

Extending the activity

• Read 'The World of a Tree' by EM Cook in *School Journal*, Part 1 Number 1, 1988, Learning Media, Wellington.

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height	trunk and branches
leaves	roots
flowers	fruit
animals that live in the tree	insects that live in the tree

