

Bark DETECTIVE

Find what is hiding in tree bark.




MATERIALS

- magnifying glass
- trees

STEPS

1. Find a tree with a thick trunk.
2. Look for cracks in the bark. Use the magnifying glass to look for insects hiding in the bark.
3. Find places on the tree where the bark is peeling. Peel back the bark very carefully and look for insects that live in the decaying bark.
4. At the bottom of the tree there is often green, powdery moss where other creatures live.

DID YOU KNOW?

Bark is the home of many insects.  We know that birds often live in the branches of trees but bark makes a nice sheltered home for insects.

