

Compound Words

Crabapple Tree

Location:

Age: Sapling

Materials:

- ❖ Pencil
- ❖ Paper
- ❖ Crabapple Tree Handout

“Compound” means the mixture of two or more different things. Therefore, a compound word is the combination of two different words to form a new word. An example of such a word is “crabapple.”

Go to the crabapple tree. Observe and make note of the physical characteristics of the tree such as the bark, the leaves, and the crabapples. Think to yourself about the name “crabapple.” What two words does crabapple contain? What do the two words mean separately? Through observation, come up with your own definition of what a crabapple tree is using descriptive words.

Activity:

Using words and illustrations create a story detailing the origins of the crabapple tree and how it got its name. Be creative and use your imagination. Keep in mind the two different words in crabapple and what each word means. This should help you construct a story about how such a tree became known as the *Crabapple*. When possible, try and use as much information as you can from your handout.