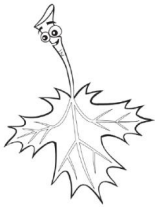


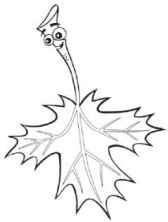
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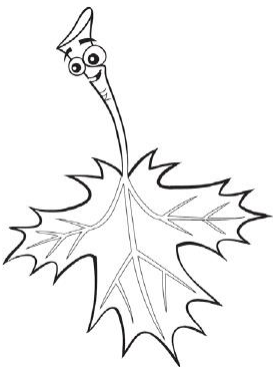
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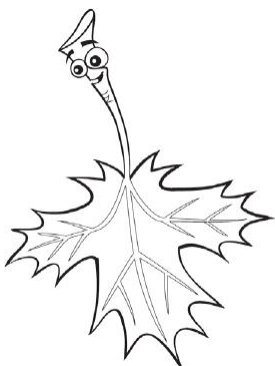
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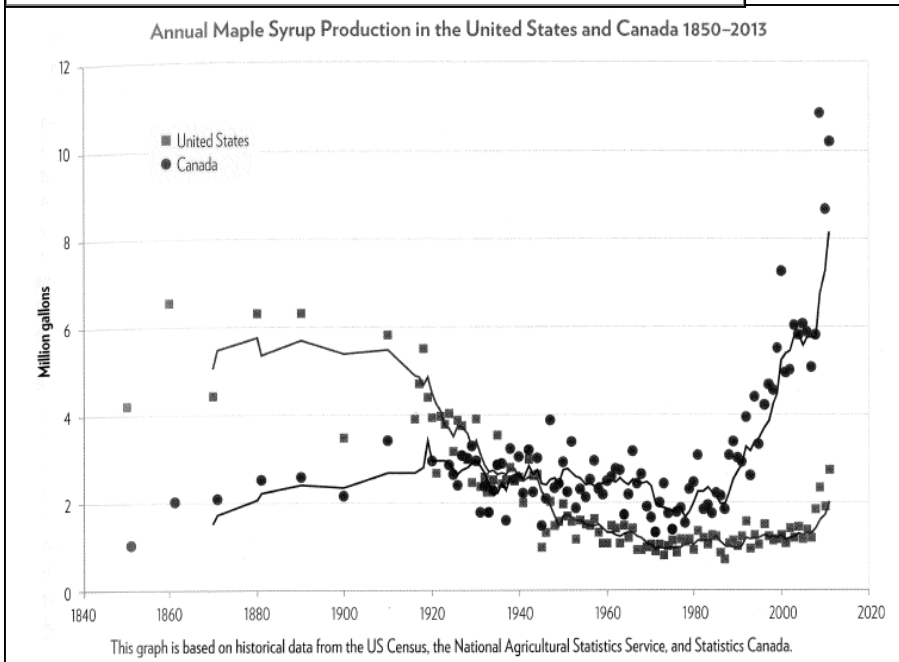
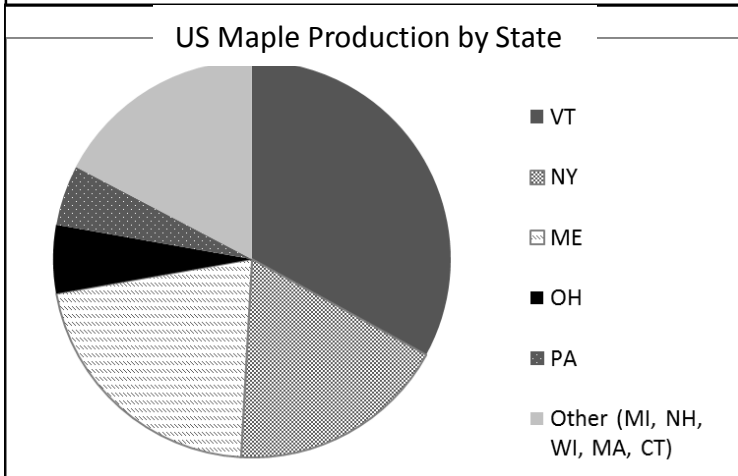
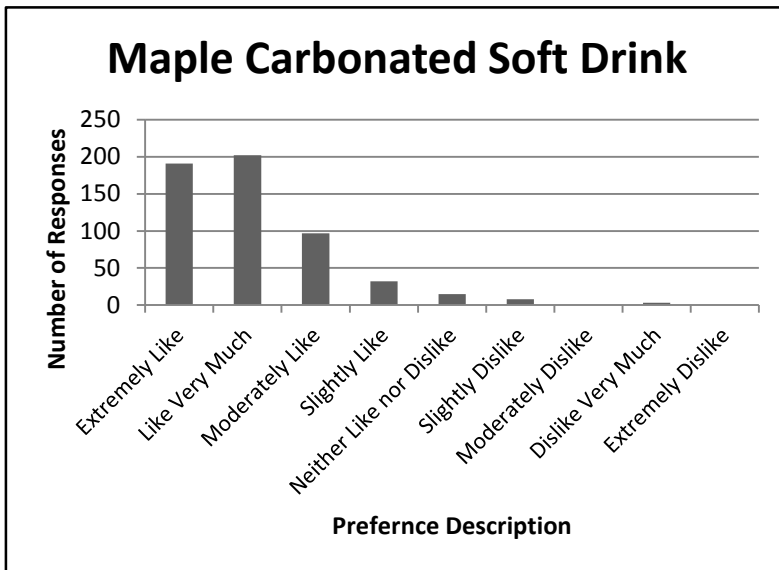
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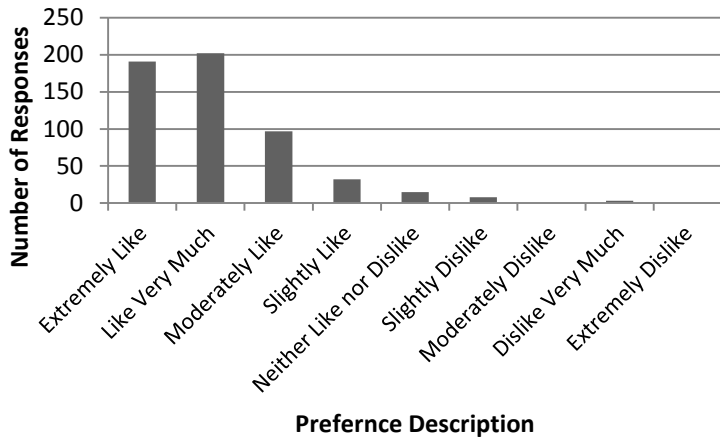
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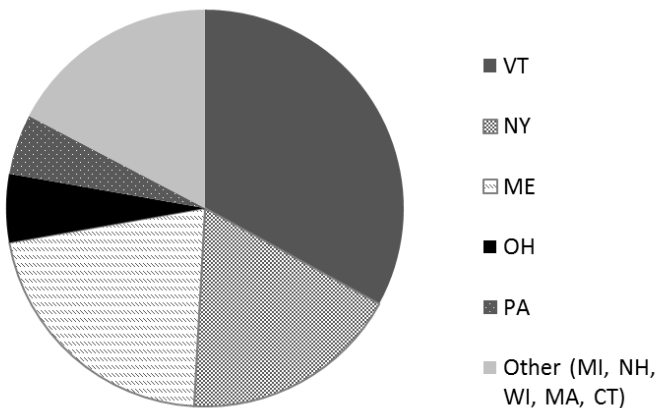
## Maple Carbonated Soft Drink



*This graph shows that most of the people sampled really or extremely like maple soda. Much fewer people disliked the drink, and "like very much" has the highest number of responses*

*A bar graph was chosen because the number of responses were added together and a bar graph easily compares values.*

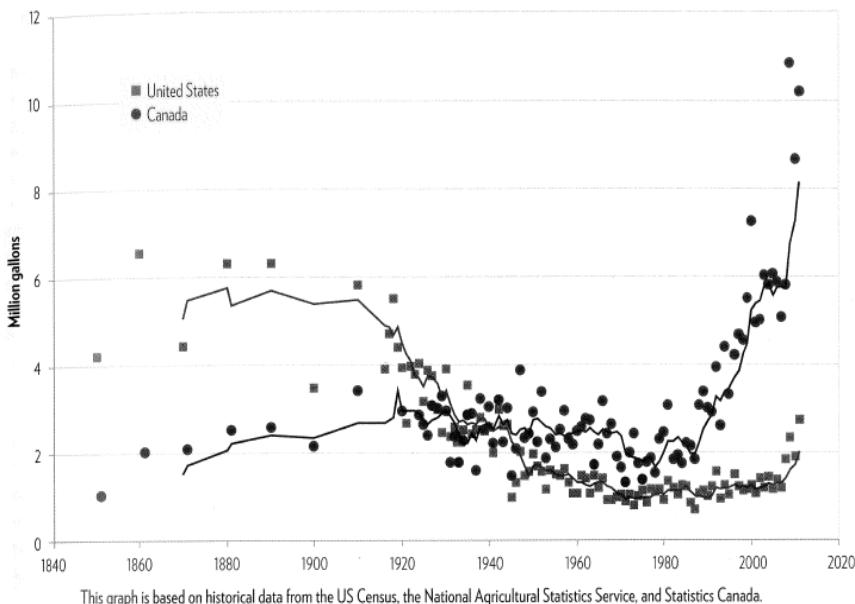
## US Maple Production by State



*This graph shows the states that produce large amounts of maple syrup in the US. Vermont makes the most with New York and Maine being close for second place. There are many states that can be grouped together in the 'other' category.*

*A pie graph was chosen to show how each state relates to the whole US. This type of graph is good for showing how parts add up to the whole.*

## Annual Maple Syrup Production in the United States and Canada 1850-2013



*This graph shows the total maple syrup production over time for the US and Canada. It also illustrates future predictions. Since the 1920s, Canada has produced more syrup than the fairly constant US levels.*

*A line graph was chosen because it is good for illustrating change across time.*

# Using Variables

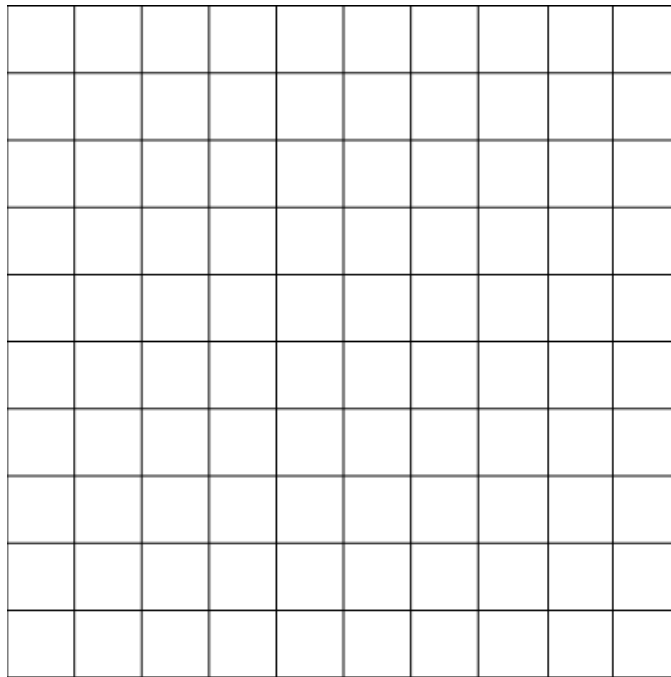
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\_\_\_\_\_

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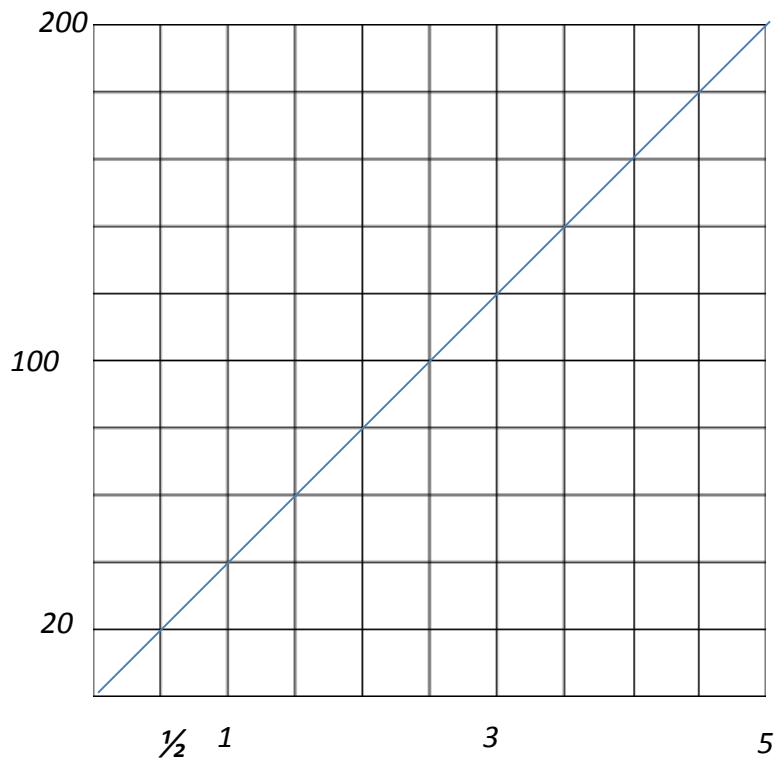
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200

1/2 gallon?

20



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*Less competition for light among trees means more growth, production, and photosynthesis. As trees need light to produce sugars, more light means sweeter sap.*

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*In spring, the buds start to come out. The tree diverts its energy into making leaves instead of the sap..*

*When the tree starts growing leaves, the sap is no longer considered good quality as it develops an off-flavor labelled "buddy".*

**Observation 3:** Forests and sugarbushes with a large deer population have few to no maple seedlings visible.

*Deer, like people, have favorite foods. They also like to eat sweet things and preferentially eat the maple seedlings. Maple seedlings can only grow where the deer can't reach them so if they are around, they're not visible.*



# Maple Forest Adaptations



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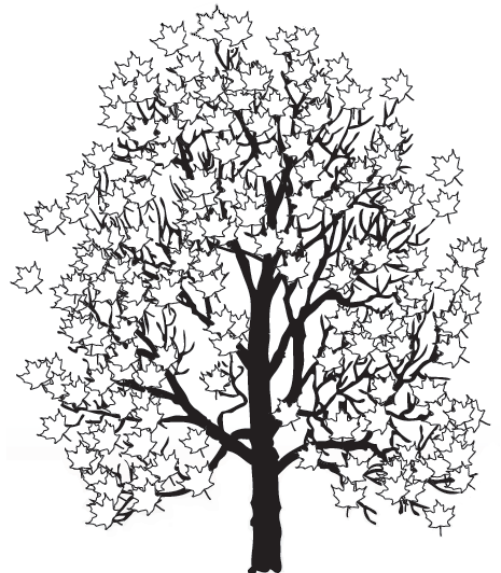
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*Long winter, fair amounts of rain in the spring, lots of species of trees, lots of deer and other wildlife, lots of cloudy days*

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*Their leaves would freeze in winter; there is not enough light for enough photosynthesis; dropping leaves helps fertilize the soil*

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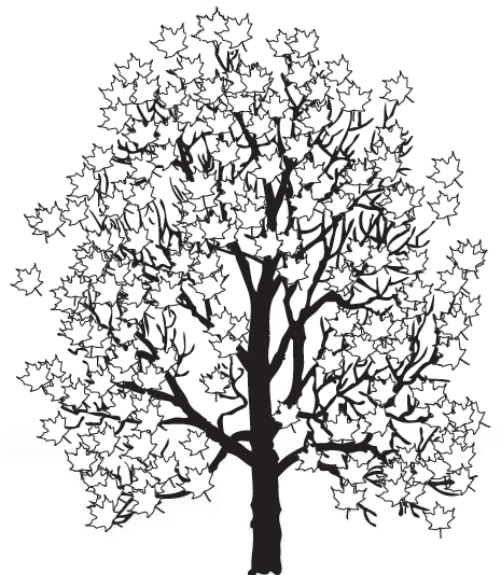
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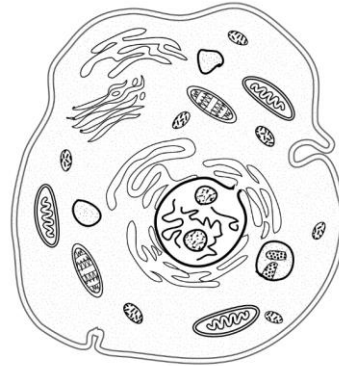
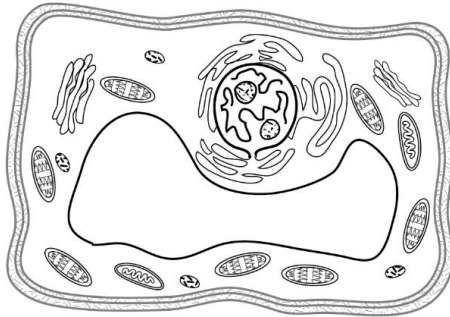
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# Anatomy of a Maple Cell

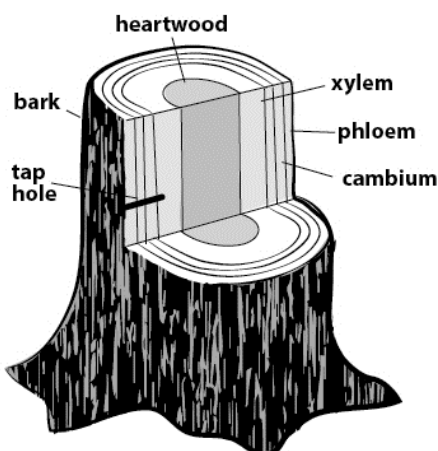
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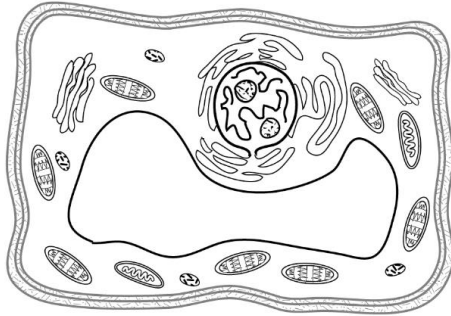
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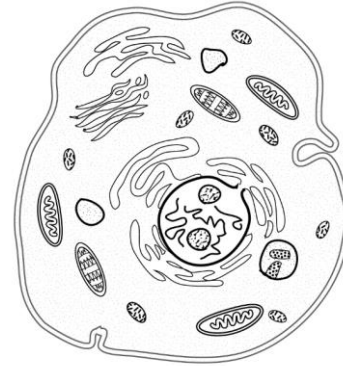
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*Chloroplasts are used for photosynthesis which is how the plant makes their food.*

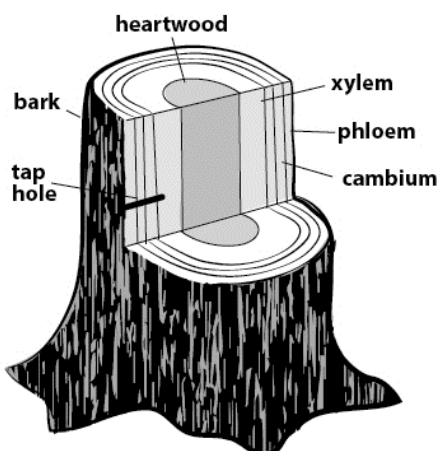
*A cell wall provides protection and a rigid structure that supports the plant.*

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*Dead cells provide structure allowing the tree to grow tall and the leaves to reach the light. Less energy is needed because there are less living cells requiring it.*



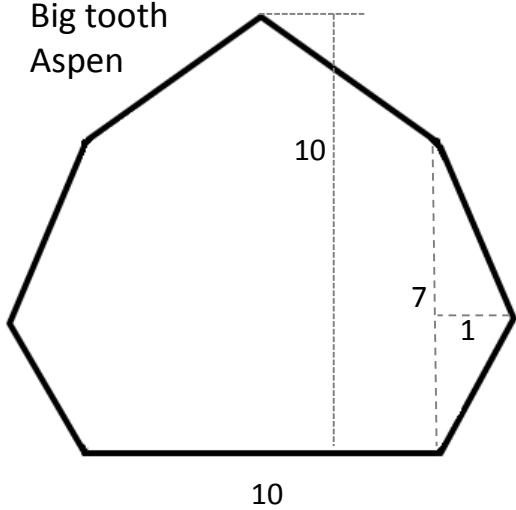
# Area of a Leaf

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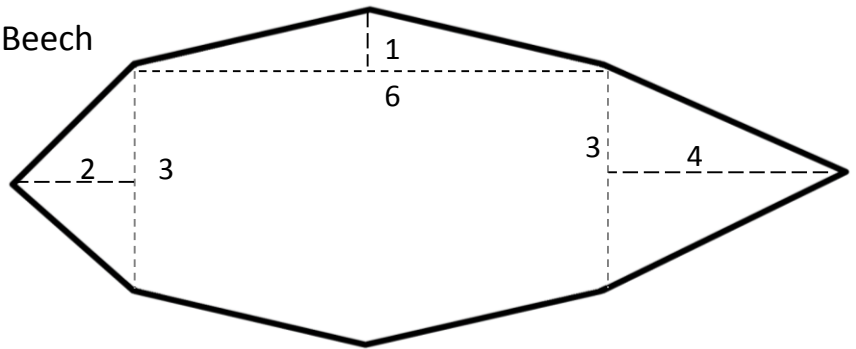
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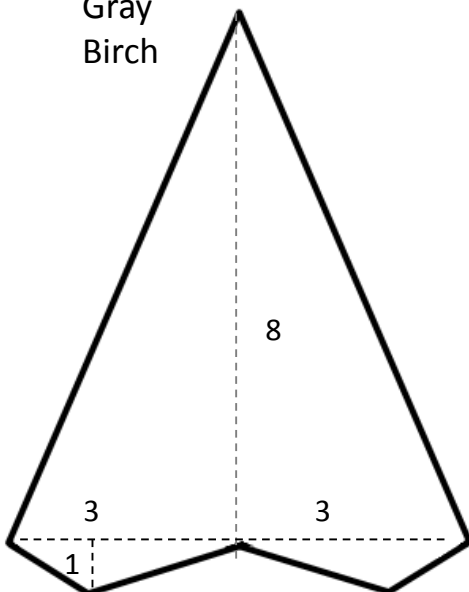
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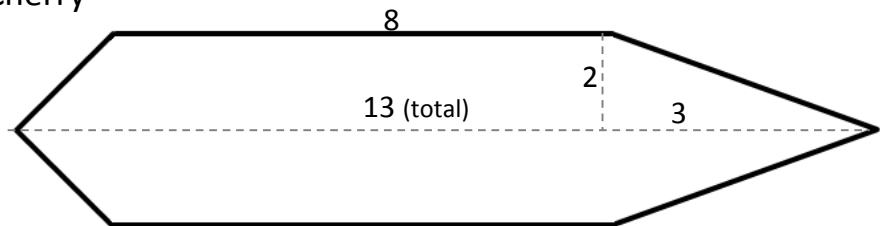
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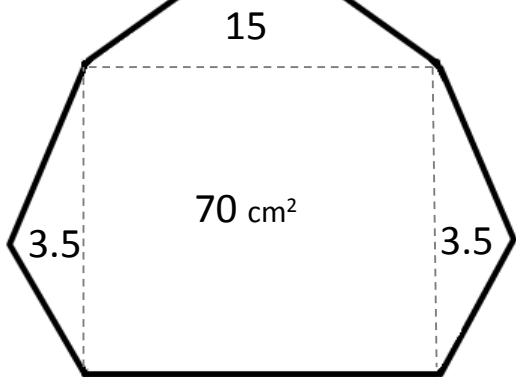
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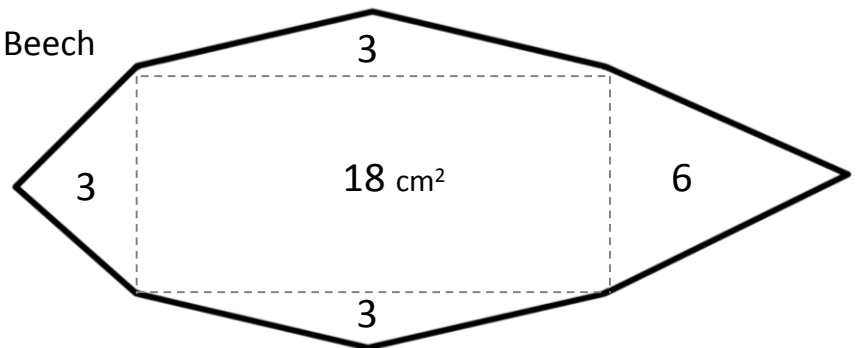
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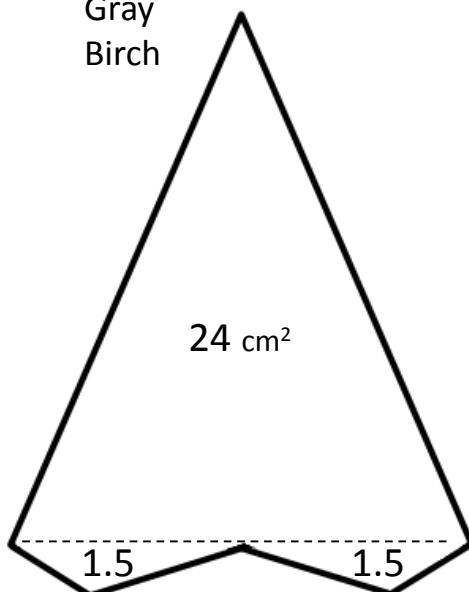
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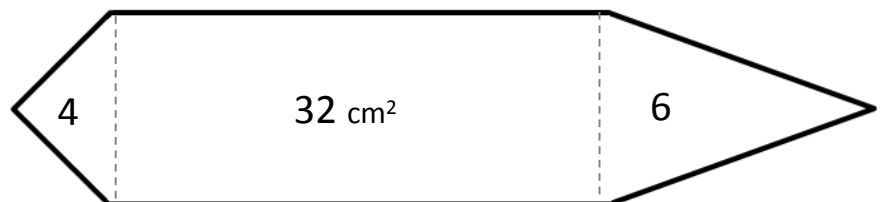
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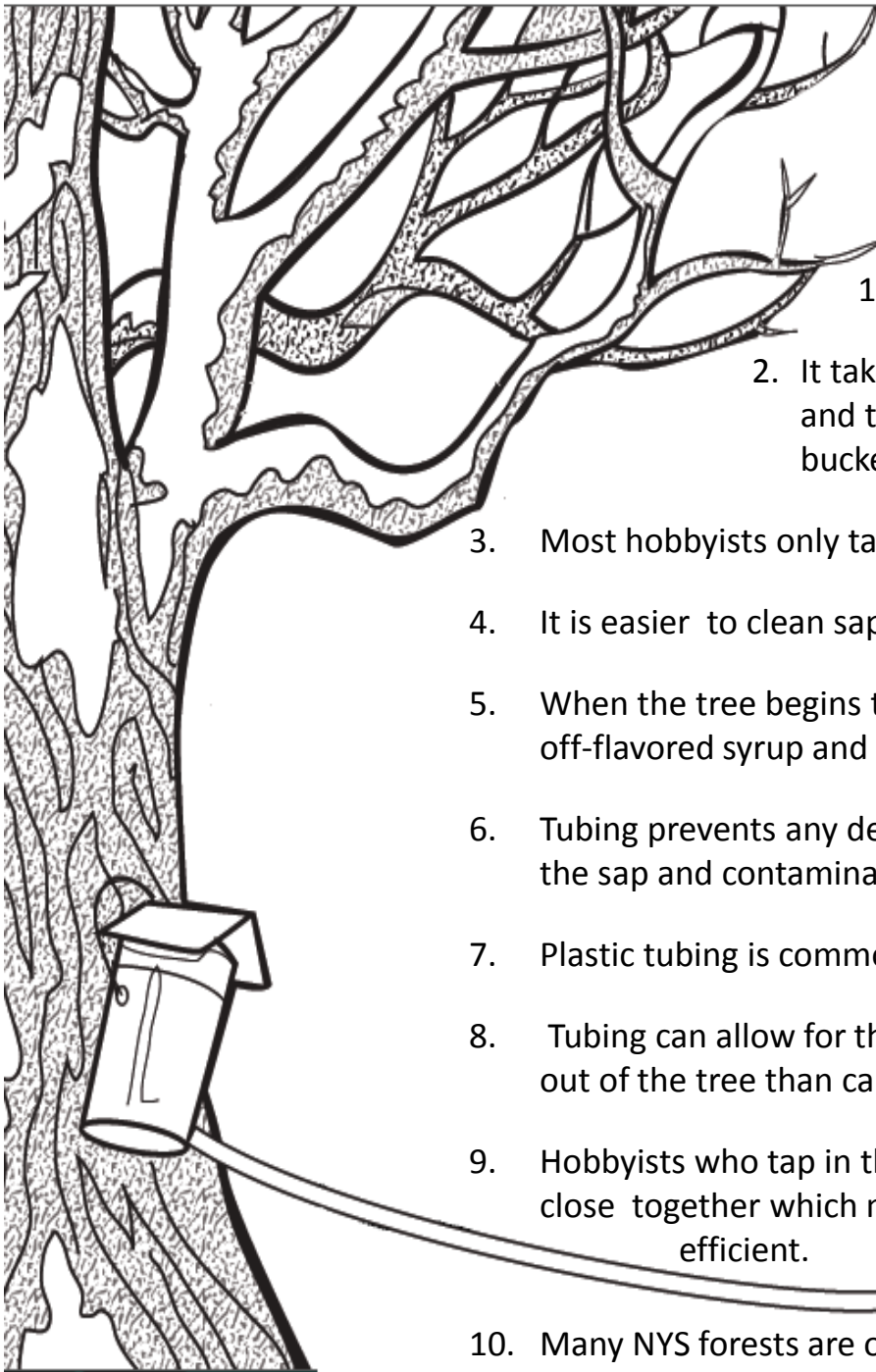


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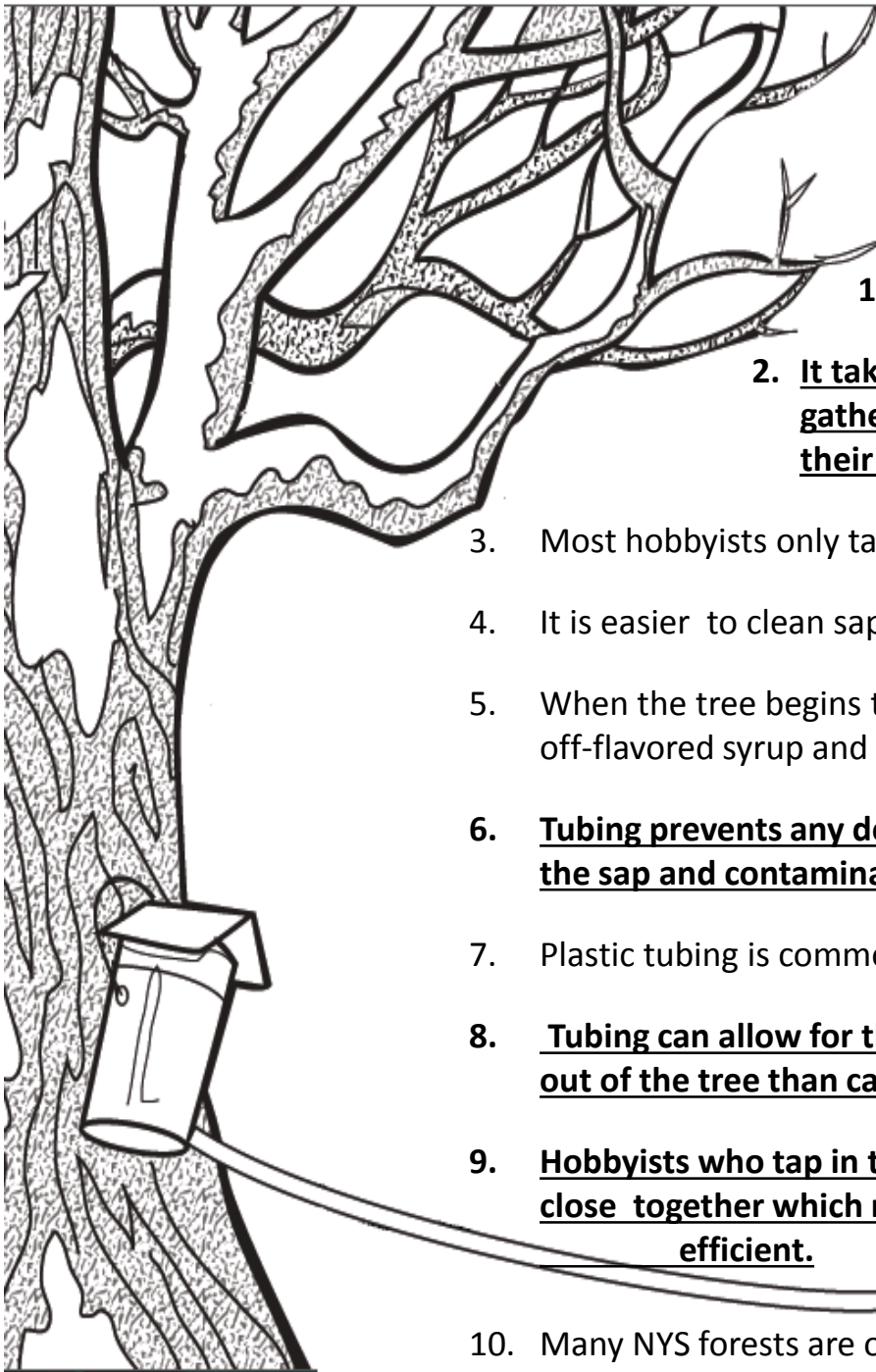


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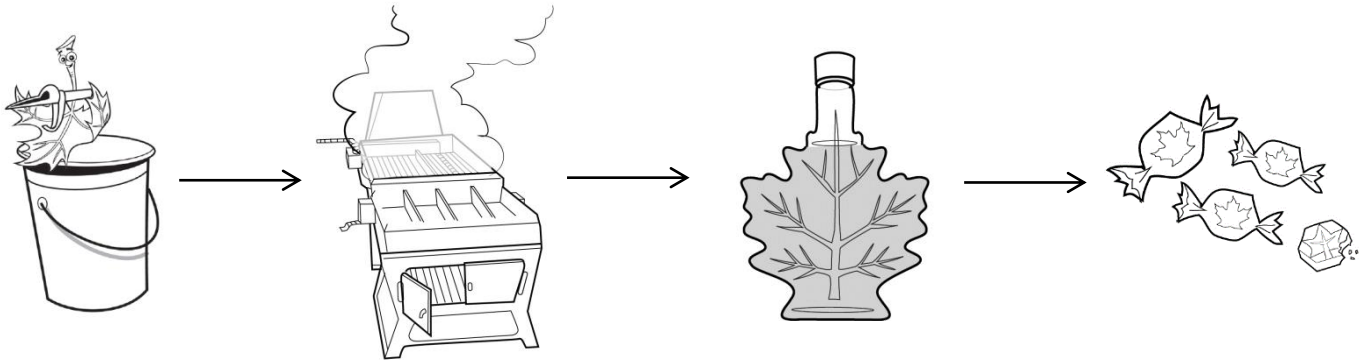
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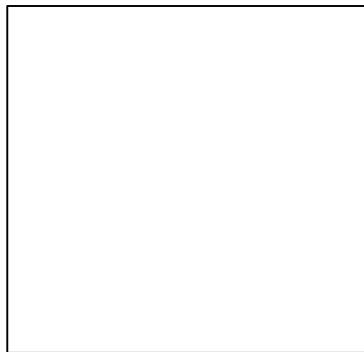


Draw the particle arrangement for each phase of matter:

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Water Vapor



Hard Candy



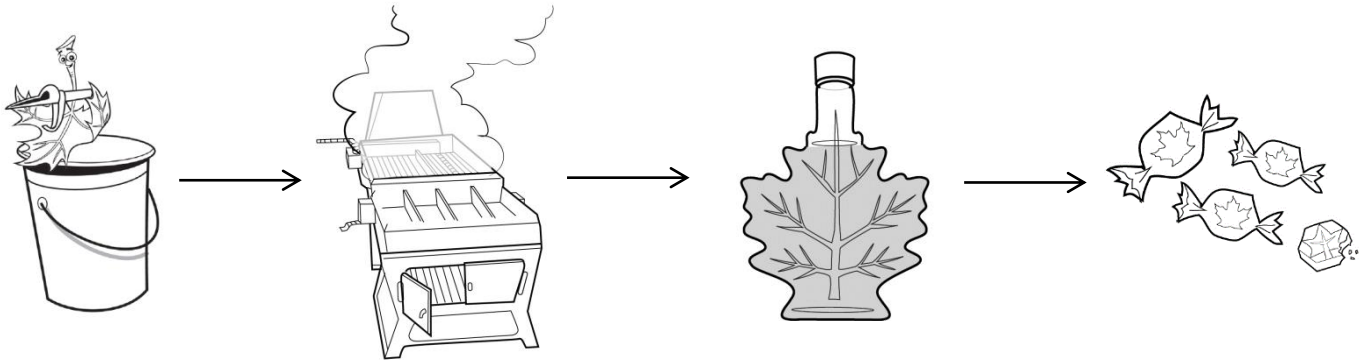
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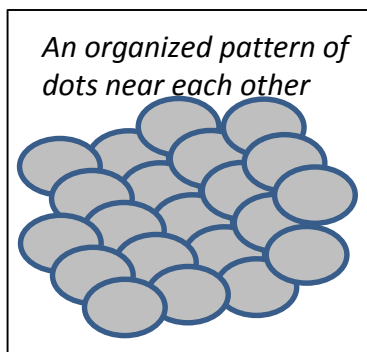
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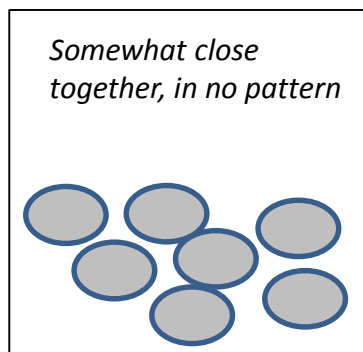


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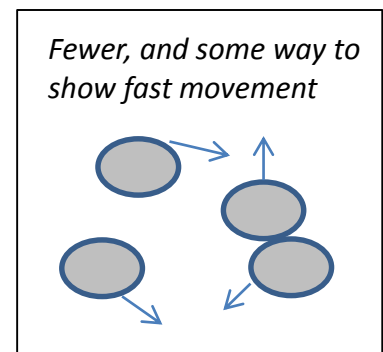
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*Liquids: particles move slowly. The liquid takes the shape of the container it's in.*

*Gases: particles move rapidly.*

How does the heating and cooling processes of making maple products relate to the phases of matter?

*Heating something gives it energy, and the amount of energy controls which phase the matter is in.*

*Heating gives the particles more energy, breaking bonds, and allowing them to move more. With heat, solids can turn to liquids and liquids to gas.*

*Cooling is the opposite. For example hot liquid poured into candy molds where it takes the shape and becomes solid when cooled.*

# Maple Museum

Name \_\_\_\_\_



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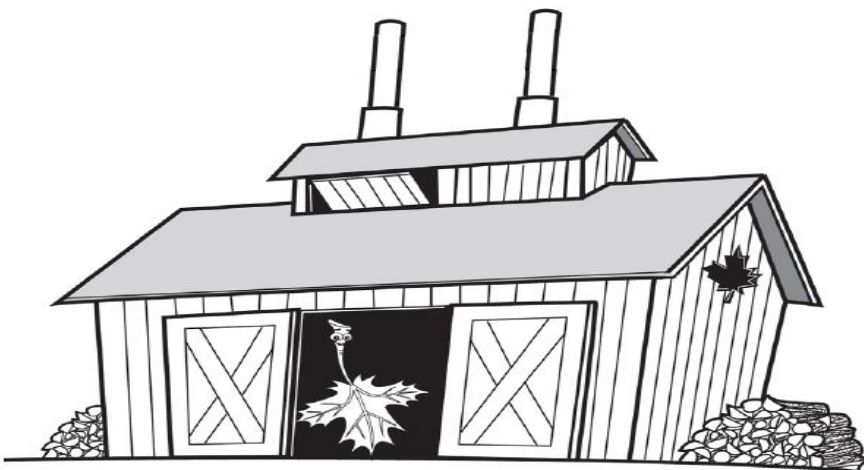
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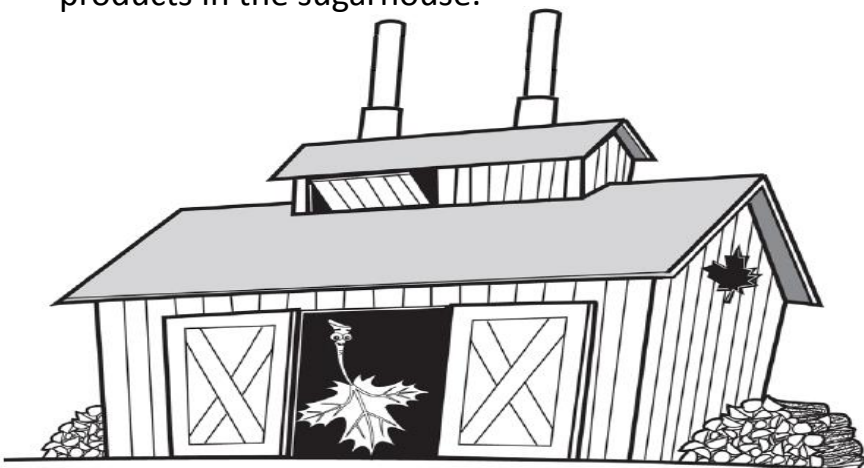
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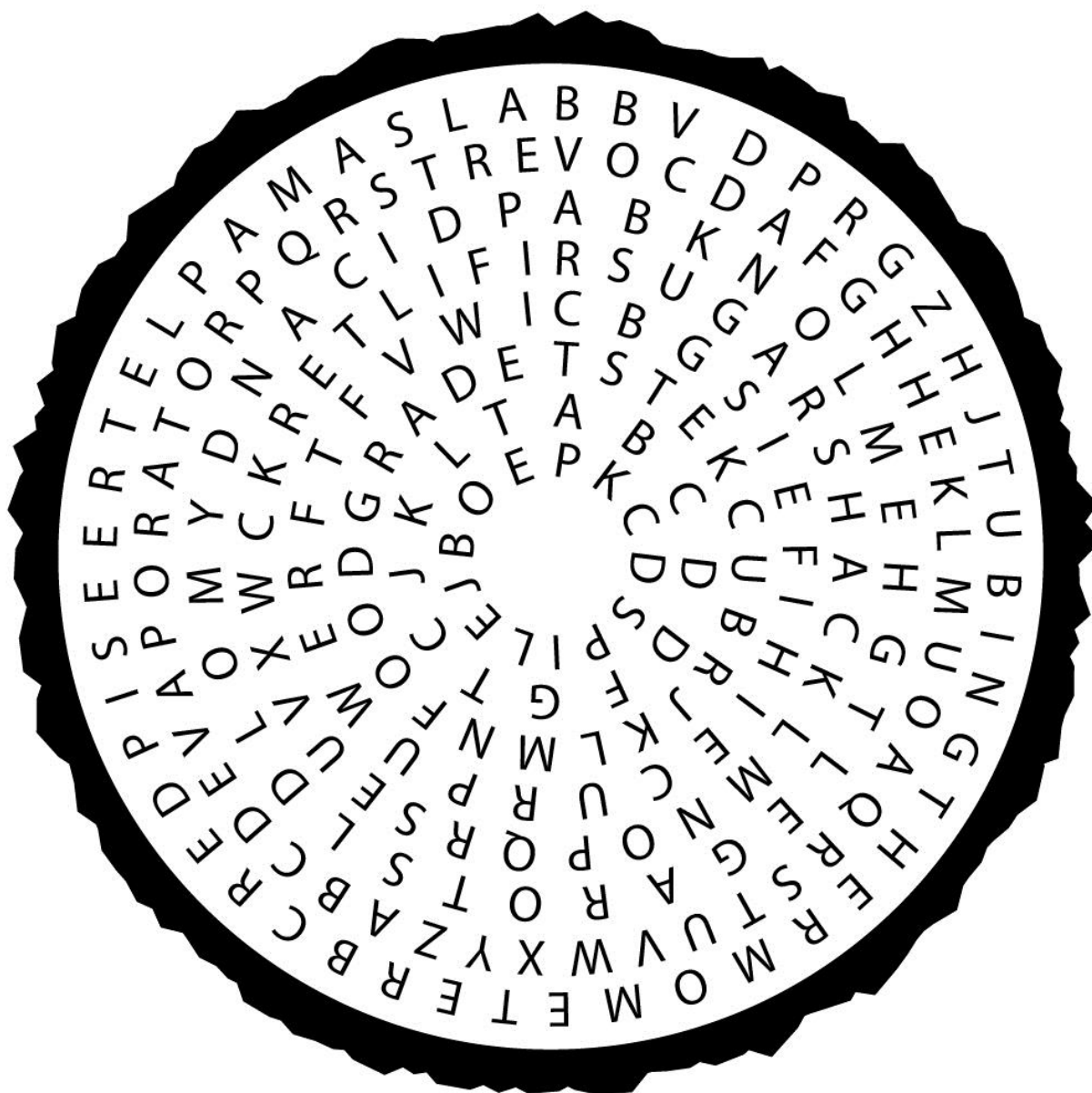




# Maple Production -

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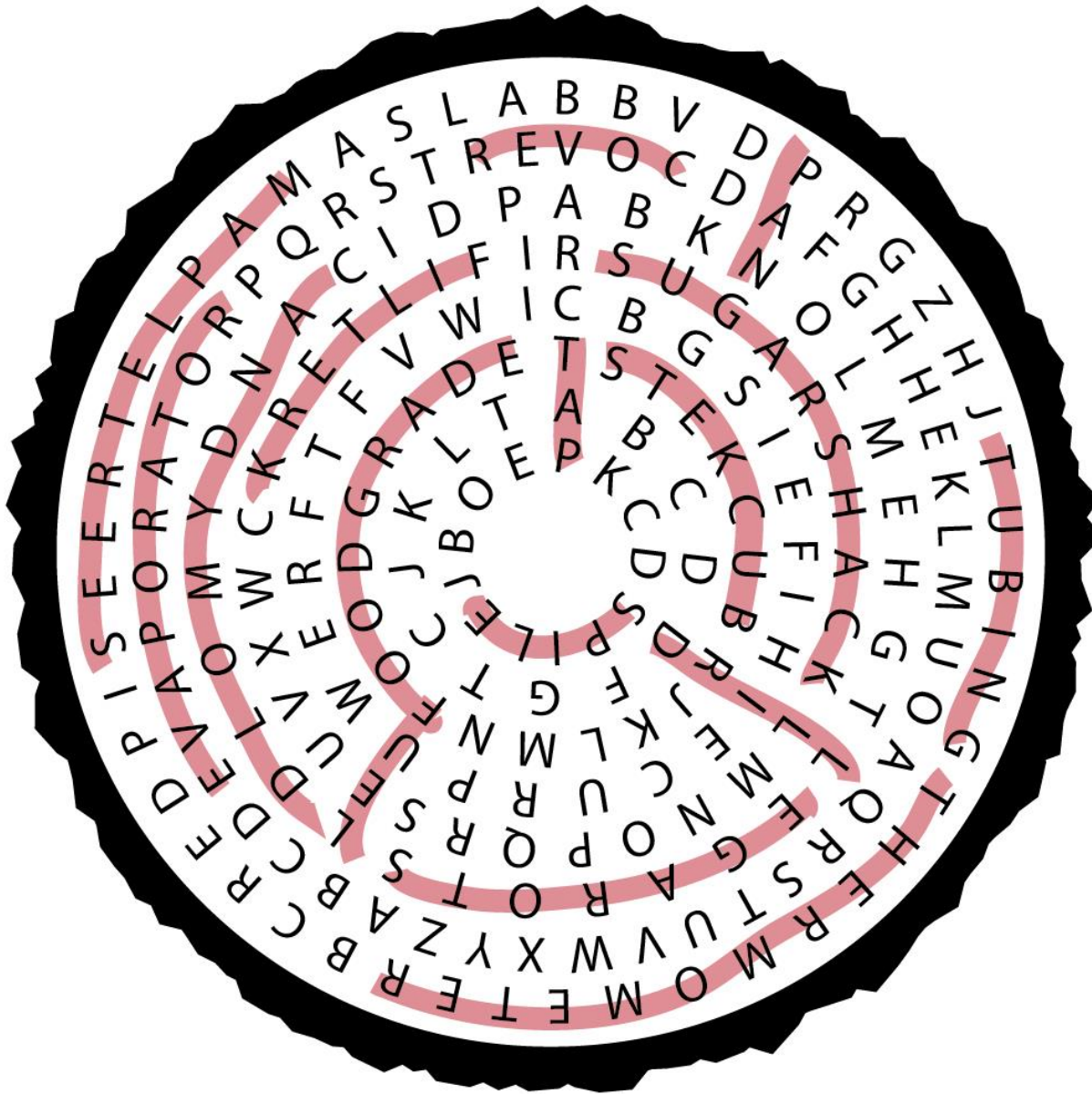
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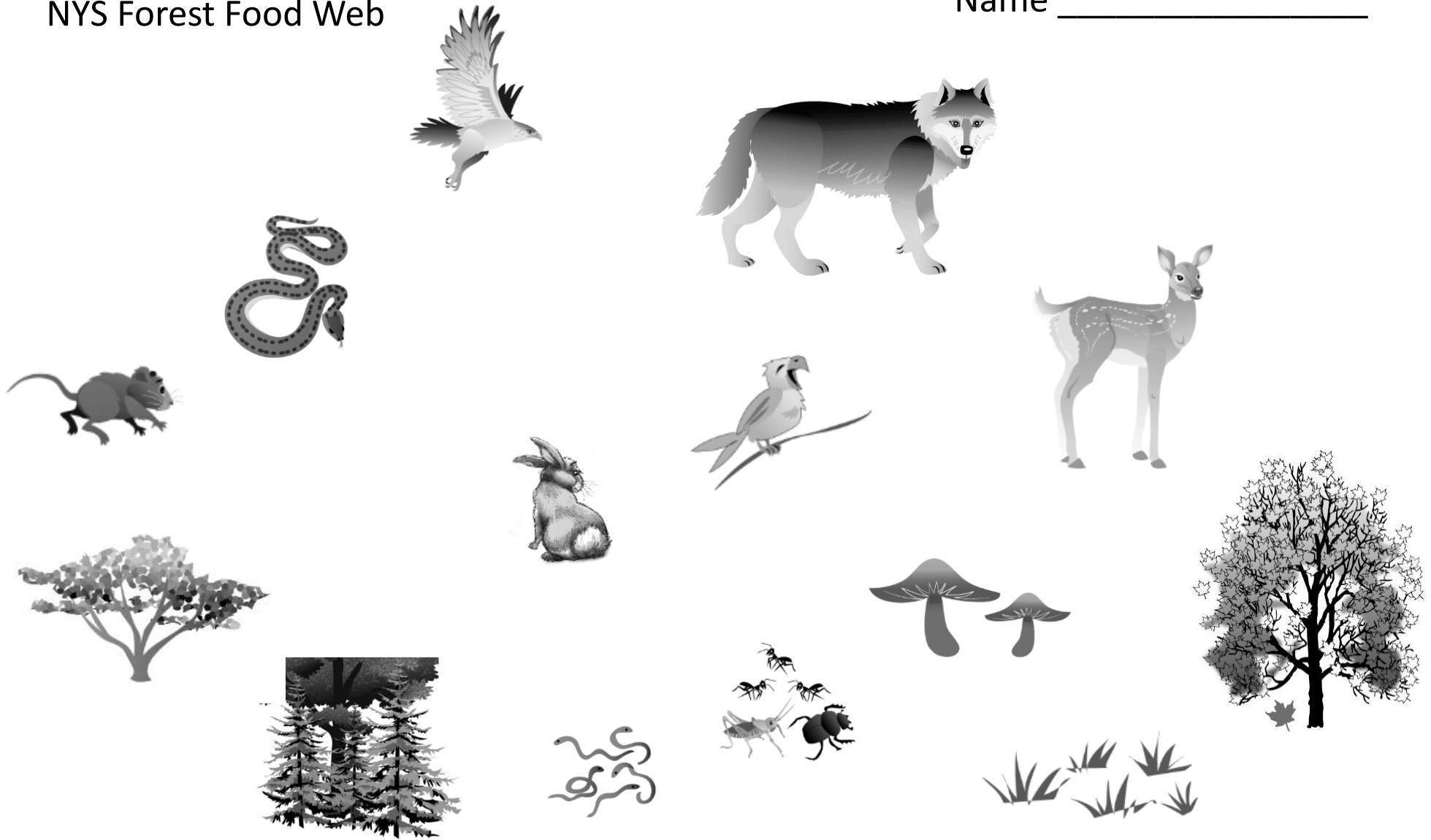
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# NYS Forest Food Web

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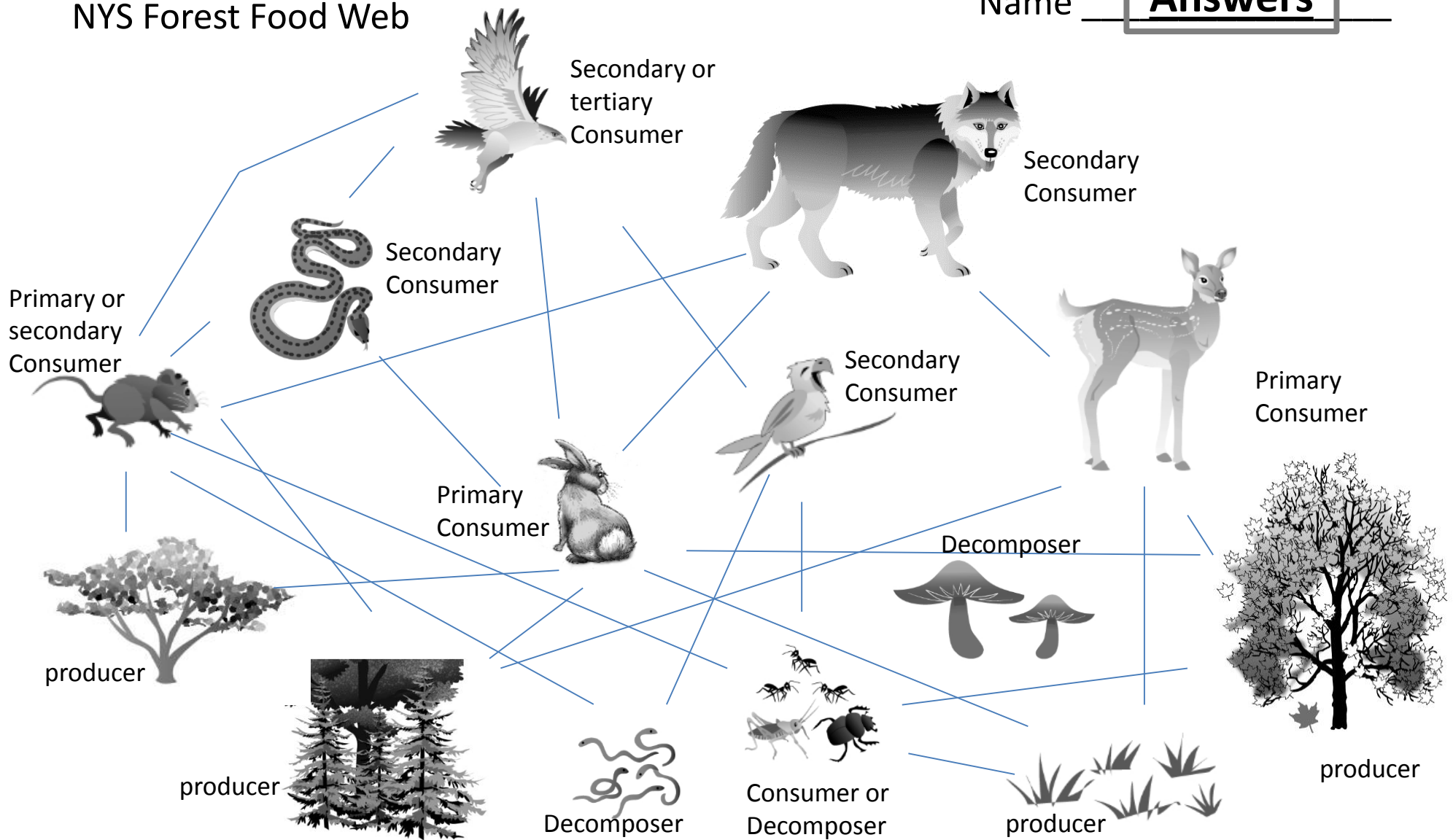
Link the organisms in the food web and label them with their role as a producer, consumer, or decomposer.

Using this food web, what do you think would happen if there were many more deer in the area? Deer populations have grown a great deal in New York State in the past few decades. Which species would be better off? Which species would be worse off? (Note: deer will choose to eat maple species over other tree species if given a choice)

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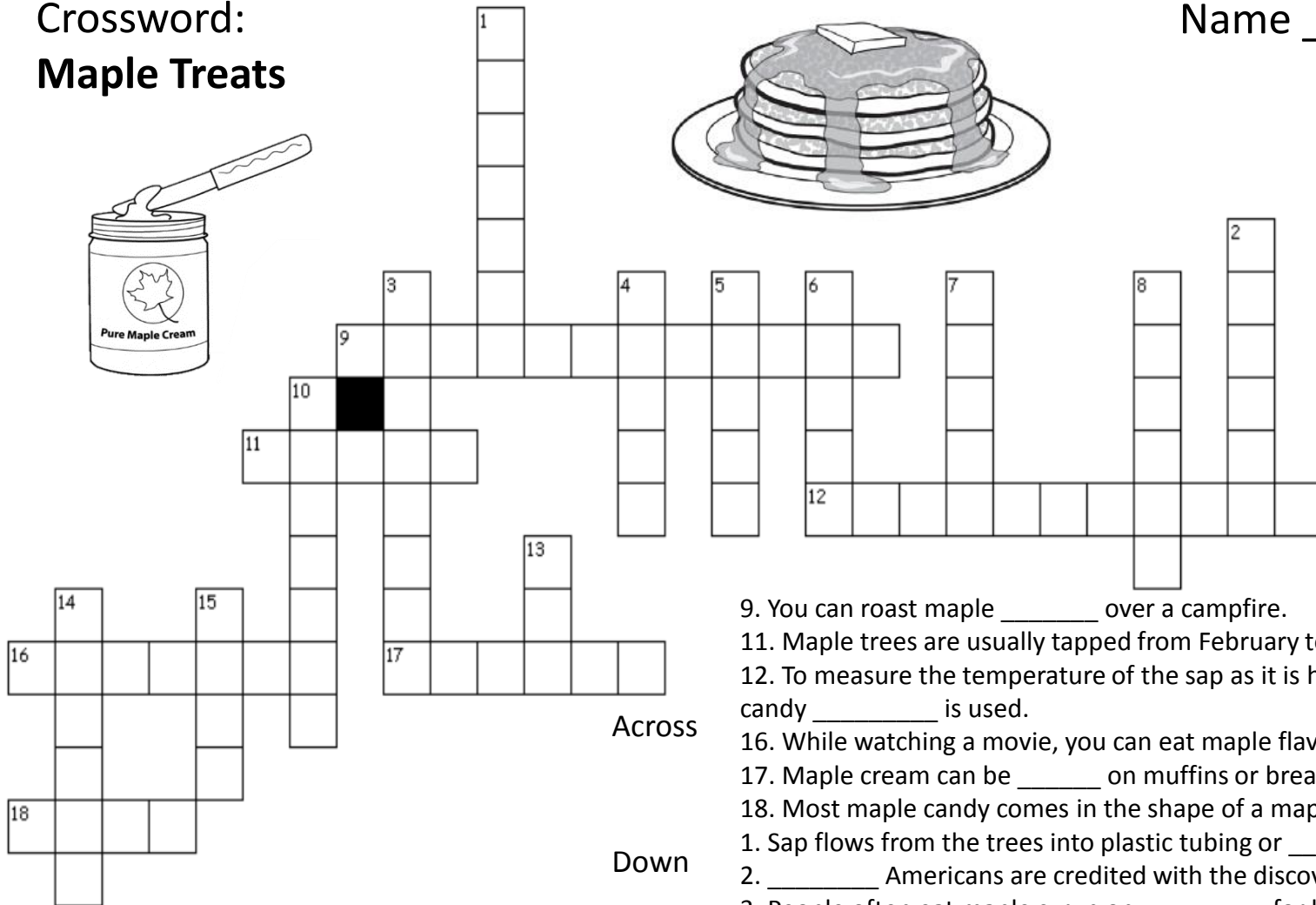
**Answers**



*Example answer: If there were more deer in the area, and they like to eat maple trees, then there will likely be less maple trees and other producer species. Those organisms that compete for food with the deer might also be worse off. The coyote would likely be better off as it now has more food available.*

# Crossword: Maple Treats

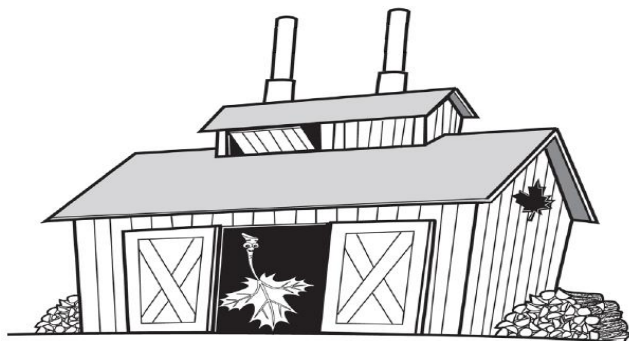
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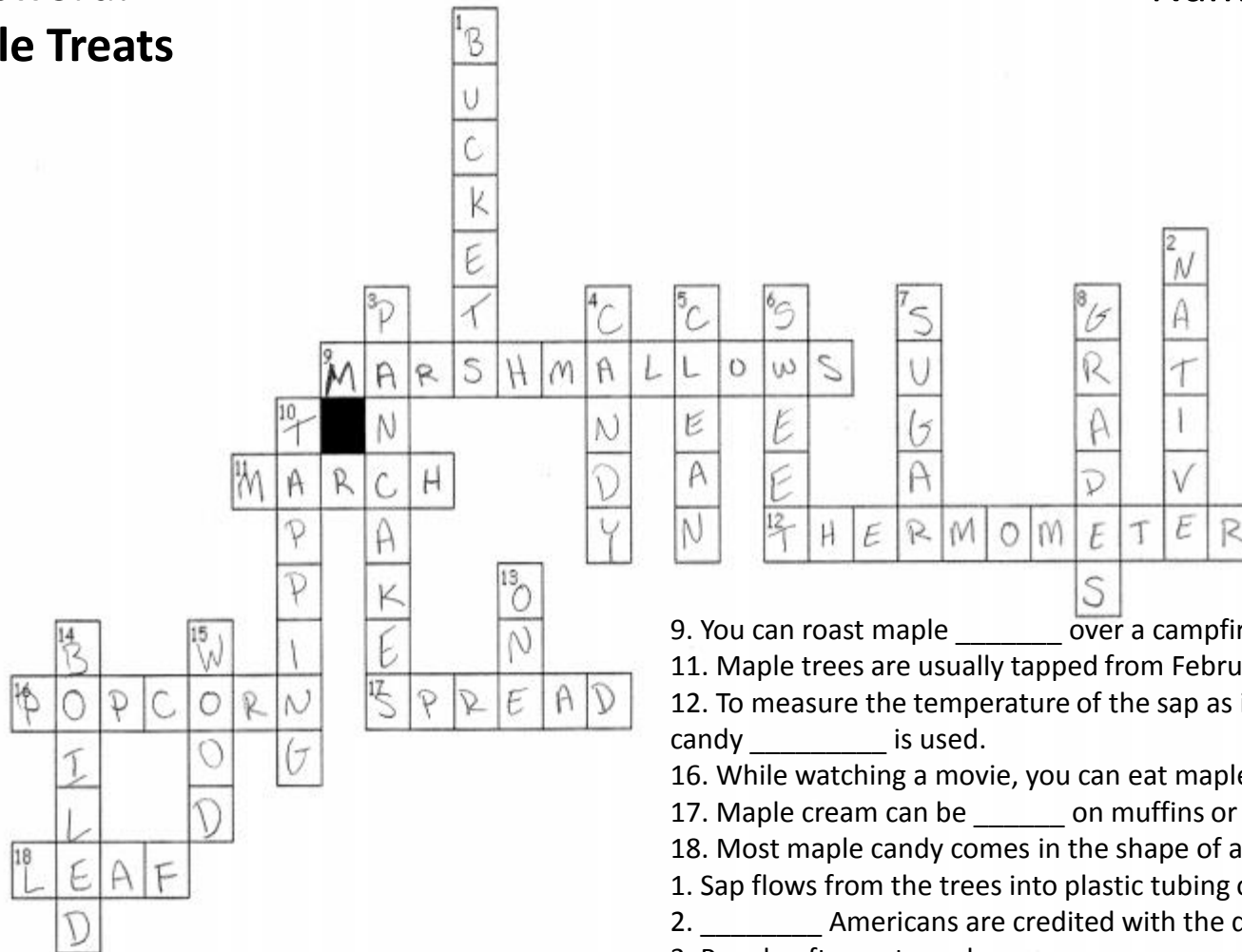
9. You can roast maple \_\_\_\_\_ over a campfire.
11. Maple trees are usually tapped from February to \_\_\_\_\_.
12. To measure the temperature of the sap as it is heated to become syrup a candy \_\_\_\_\_ is used.
16. While watching a movie, you can eat maple flavored \_\_\_\_\_.
17. Maple cream can be \_\_\_\_\_ on muffins or bread.
18. Most maple candy comes in the shape of a maple \_\_\_\_\_.
1. Sap flows from the trees into plastic tubing or \_\_\_\_\_.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ Americans are credited with the discovery of maple syrup.
3. People often eat maple syrup on \_\_\_\_\_ for breakfast.
4. Maple syrup can be further boiled to make \_\_\_\_\_.
5. Maple syrup is filtered to make sure it is \_\_\_\_\_.
6. Maple syrup tastes \_\_\_\_\_.
7. Sap from maple trees contains water and \_\_\_\_\_.
8. Maple syrup comes in different \_\_\_\_\_, from light amber to extra dark.
10. \_\_\_\_\_ is when spiles are drilled into maple trees to allow the sap to flow out.
13. It takes about forty gallons of sap to make \_\_\_\_\_ gallon(s) of syrup.
14. Sap must be \_\_\_\_\_ to make maple syrup.
15. \_\_\_\_\_ is a fuel used to boil sap.





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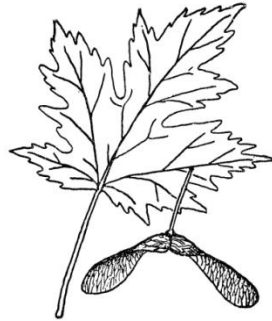


# Sap Producing Trees: Using a Dichotomous Key

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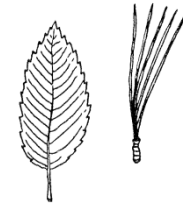
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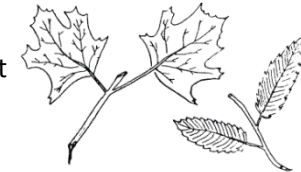
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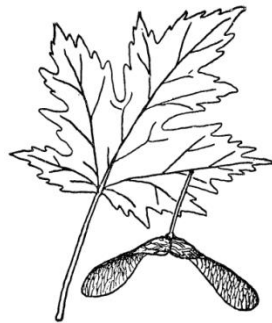
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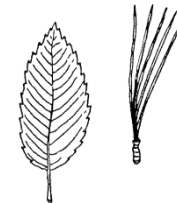
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Maple Hard Candy	6%		3:47		
Maple Ice Cream	50%				
Maple Sugar				0.1	
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Maple Ice Cream	50%	50:50	1:1	5	8
Maple Sugar	1%	1:99	1:99	0.1	0.16
Maple Cream	8%	8:92	2:23	0.8	1.28

# Mean, Median, and Variability

Name \_\_\_\_\_



Different maple trees have different amount of sugar content in their sap. There are 5 trees whose sap can be made into maple syrup: **Sugar, Red, Silver, Black, and Norway**. The conditions in which the trees grow also can change the level of sugar in the sap, not just the species. Here we will look at three of the species when grown under similar conditions.

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Mean:                      Median:                      IQR:                      Outliers?  
Draw a Histogram.

**Silver Maple**

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Mean:                      Median:                      IQR:                      Outliers?  
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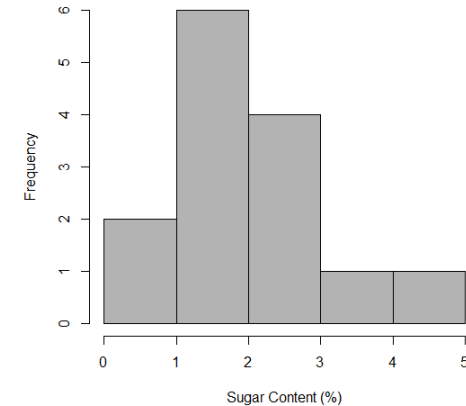
*Example: which of these trees had the most variable sugar content in their sap?*

## Sugar Maple

Mean: 2.03  
IQR: 1.91  
Draw a Histogram.

Median: 1.95  
Outliers? The 4.9 value seems to be so.

Histogram: Sugar Maple

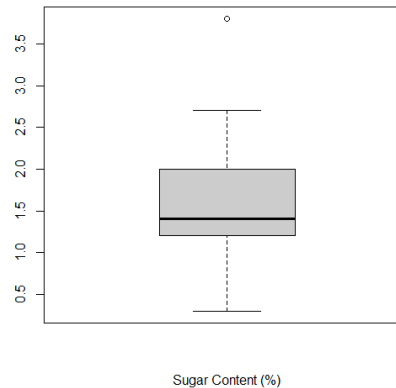


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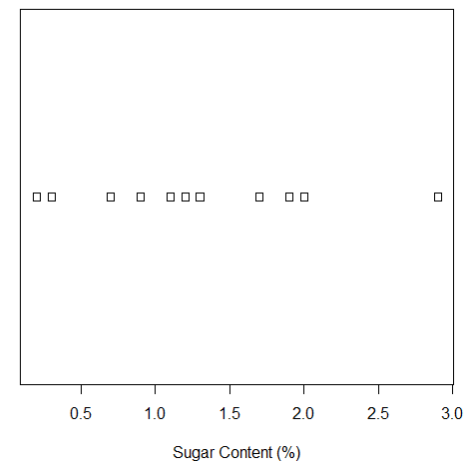
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IQR: 1.475  
Draw a Boxplot.

Median: 1.4  
Outliers? 3.8

Boxplot: Red Maple



Dotplot: Silver Maple



## Red Maple

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IQR: 1.325  
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Median: 1.25  
Outliers? 3.0

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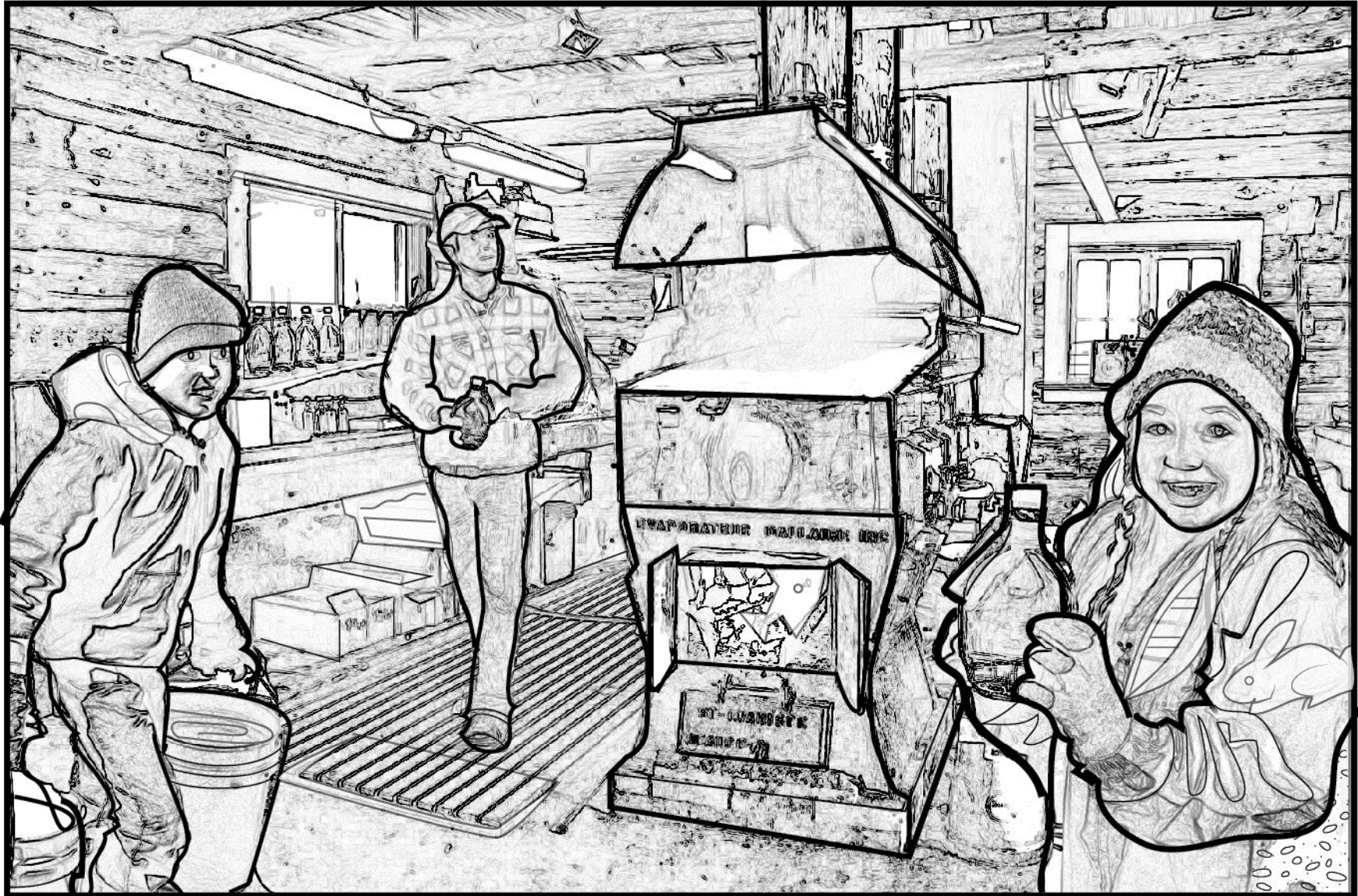
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*Example: the sugar maple had the highest IQR and could be considered the most variable.*



# Maple Production - Hidden Objects

Name \_\_\_\_\_



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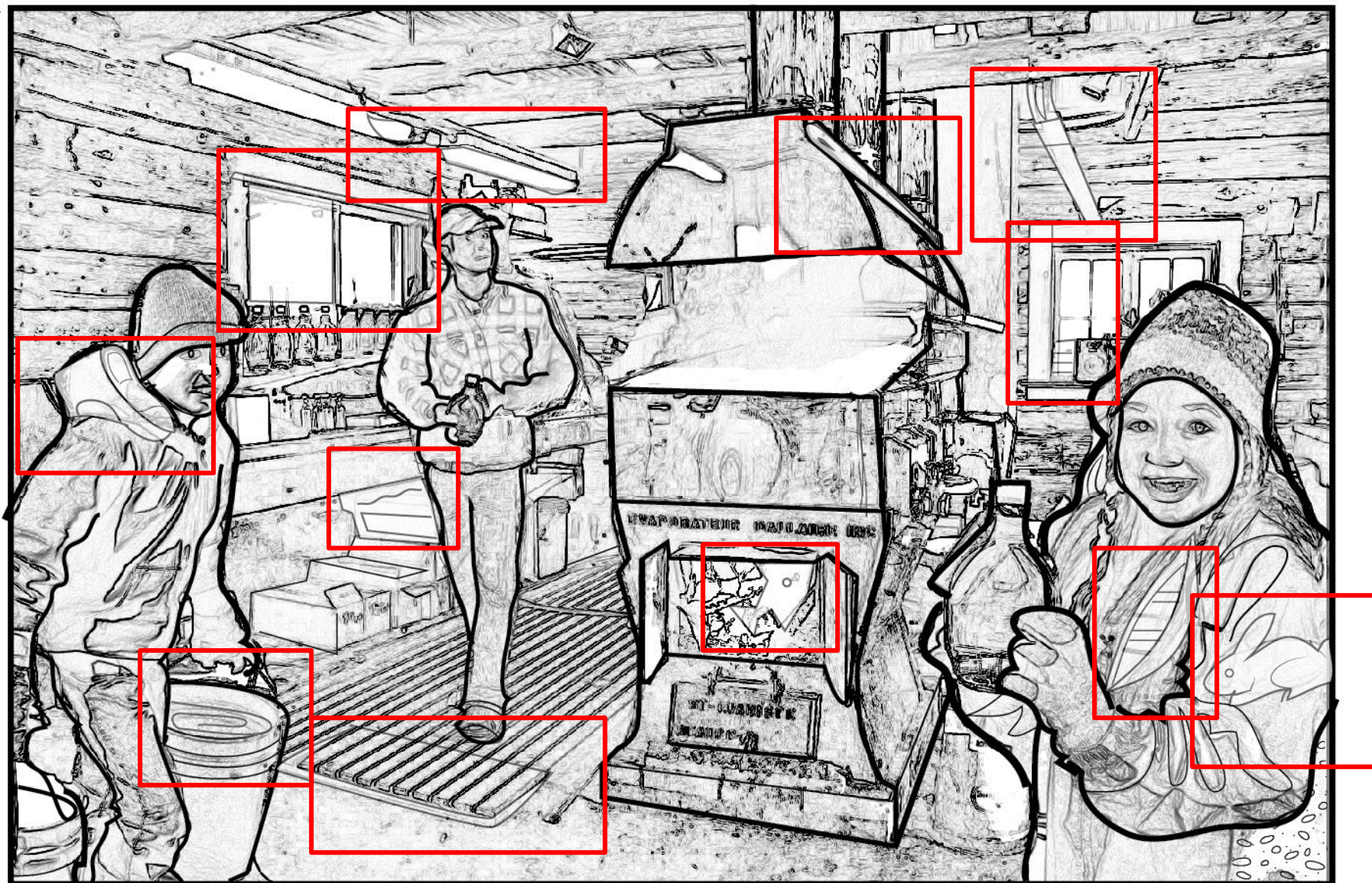




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