Living Differences

Plants come in different shapes and sizes. Although they might look different, all plants are living things. They need air, water, and nutrients to live. Let’s investigate some of the differences in plant leaf shapes. Are they long and skinny? Big and wide? Short and round? Spiky or smooth? Color these different shaped leaves while you think about all the different shapes that leaves come in.

With your guardian’s permission, head outside and see if you can find 5 leaves that have different shapes. Do any of the leaves you found match the ones you colored above?

rose mallow
torrey pine
california sycamore
california poppy
coast live oak
coastal redwood
palo verde
black oak