

## What Do Oxygen, Rubber and Fruit Have in Common?

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Trees are very important to our existence on Earth. They produce **oxygen** that we need to live. We also depend on trees for the **food** that they produce. For example, those sweet apples, peaches and pears that you enjoy with your lunch all come from a tree! They also provide **shade** for us on hot, sunny days.

We make many things from trees too. The **paper** that you are reading right now was made out of a tree. We also use trees to build **houses**. Have you ever thought about what your kitchen table is made out of? We often make **furniture**, such as desks and tables, out of wood. We even get **rubber** from certain types of trees! You can find rubber in rubber gloves or rubber bands. Before we had electricity, and even in some places today, people have to depend on wood as **fuel** for their fires to keep warm during the cold winters.

We use trees for many different purposes. They clean our air and provide us with oxygen, they provide nice scenery for us to look at, they supply fruits to eat and are used for fuel in fires. Trees are very important!