

Spot the lichen

One of the pictures in each pair is a lichen.

Can you spot it? Do you know what the others are?



What's a lichen?

If you had to explain to someone what a lichen is, what would you say?

These words might help you:

fungus

alga

bacteria

Answers:
a. lichen, b. grass, c. moss, d. lichen, e. lichen, f. dandelion, g. lichen, h. acorn, i. fern, j. lichen

Lichen shapes

Lichens come in different shapes. Look at the 3 lichen shapes below and then see if you can match them with the pictures of lichens.



Bushy lichen



These lichens are attached onto the surface they are growing on by a stem called a 'holdfast'.

Leafy lichen



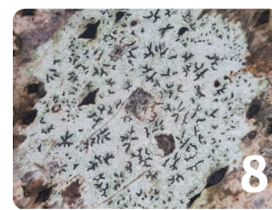
These lichens grows close to the surface they are growing on but the edges are loose and can be gently lifted up.

Crusty lichen



These lichens are flat and are completely stuck to the surface they are growing on. They might look like they are part of the bark or stone they are on.

Draw lines to match the names of the lichen shapes with these pictures of lichens



Bushy?

Leafy?

Crusty?

Challenge yourself to spot at least one lichen next time you go outside.

Answers
Crusty - 2,3,8
Bushy - 4,5
Leafy - 1,6,7