



## LESSON 1

# What is an Acorn?

### Lesson Plan.

1. Have students seated in a place so that they can clearly see you.
2. Hold up an acorn for students to observe. Walk around the class with the acorn so that students can notice details. (Tip: to maintain distance, you may want to give each student an acorn to observe at their desk/seat.)
3. Ask students the following questions:
  - i. What is this object?
  - ii. Where does this object come from?
4. On a piece of butcher/poster paper, draw a T chart, and ask students the following:
  - i. What do you notice about the acorn? (What details do we notice? Think, five senses.)
  - ii. What do you wonder about the acorn? (What questions can we ask?)
5. Explain that an acorn is the nut of an oak tree, that it has a hard shell, and a seed in the middle. When the nut is planted in the ground, it can sprout into a new oak tree.
6. Show students the **Acorn Growth diagram** and explain to them that the acorn grows into the big oak tree. Ask students if they have more questions to add to the class **T Chart** (below).

#### GRADE LEVEL

Preschool-  
Kindergarten

#### SUBJECTS

Environmental  
Science

#### TIME FRAME

10-15 minutes

#### MATERIALS

- ❖ Butcher Paper
- ❖ Markers
- ❖ Acorns

#### SKILLS

- ❖ Observation

#### RESOURCE PAIRING

- ❖ Ooti: A Maidu Legacy
- ❖ Berry Creek Video: Minute 13

# ACORNS

**I NOTICE**

**I WONDER**

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# What is an Acorn: Acorn Growth

