



## Unit 33 The joy of woodworking

**Task 02 – Put the text pieces into the correct order.**



KV zur Differenzierung: Schneiden Sie die Textteile aus und lassen Sie sie von schwächeren Schülerinnen und Schülern in die richtige Reihenfolge bringen.



### The differences between hardwood and softwood

The two main categories of timber are softwoods and hardwoods.

The distinction between softwood and hardwood has to do with plant reproduction. Hardwood trees produce seeds with some sort of covering (fruit or nuts).

Softwoods, on the other hand, let seeds fall to the ground with no covering. Conifers,

which grow seeds in hard cones, fall into this category. Their seeds are carried away by the wind. This spreads the plant's seed over a wider area.

Usually hardwood trees lose their leaves during cold weather (they are deciduous), while softwoods keep their leaves or needles all year round (they are evergreen).

However, there are exceptions to this rule: Although larches are conifers, they lose their needles in the autumn.

The hardwood/softwood terminology does make some sense.

Softwoods are fast-growing and less dense, they are easier to cut and work with.

Most hardwoods tend to be denser; therefore they are sturdy and resistant, but not so easy to work with.

The German translation of hardwood and softwood is not "Hartholz" or "Weichholz". It is: hardwood = "Laubholz" and softwood = "Nadelholz".