

Sugaring Role-Play

ADAPTABLE FOR DIFFERENT AGE GROUPS
15–30 MINUTES

MATERIALS

- Sugarmaker’s Classroom Visit Tool List

INSTRUCTIONS

Student volunteers play the roles of trees, workers, and the mainline as you guide them in acting out each step of tapping a sugarbush. Introduce students to the materials and tools required as you role-play. Elements of the role play can include:

- Place the maple trees in the forest.
- Workers measure tree diameters to make sure they’re large enough to tap.
- Set up the 1” mainline and use a tool to cut a hole and attach a saddle.
- Workers string lateral lines between the 1” mainline and the trees.
- Workers place a drop and spout on the lateral very close to each maple tree.
- Workers tap each tree with the drill (having removed drill bit for safety).
Use hammer to pretend to hammer in the spout.

For younger students, simplify the role-play or do a guided imagery where students imagine being a drop of sap going through the sugaring process from tree to bottle.

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