



TASK: Destroyers of wood

Your trainer may ask you to complete this task as an assessment exercise. You may either answer the questions in writing, or record your own voice in an audio file.

Find four different examples of damage done by wood-destroying organisms in your own workplace. The types of damage you come across will depend on the sort of work you do and the environment you work in.

For instance, if you work in the forest, you're likely to see many live examples of wood-destroying insects and fungi. If you work in a timber yard, you'll see the results of the insects' efforts, such as pinhole borer holes in pacific maple, longicorn borer holes in hardwood and termite damage in hardwood sleepers. And if you're working on a jobsite, or even around your home, you're sure to see samples of fungal decay, either in wood left lying in the mud or timber used in old post and rail fences, fascia boards, pergolas or various other exposed applications.

For each example you come across, try to identify the species of organism and the conditions under which it was found. Use the table below to write up your findings.

Organism	Species of tree	Description of damage	Conditions where found

Sign-off

Name		Signature		Date	
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