

“Hey, look at all this wood!” said Ryan.
“This is the wood we used to fix the fence last year,” said Dad.
“Why don’t we make something?” suggested Rylie.

“How about a tree house?” said Dad.
“A tree house! That’s a great idea!” said Ryan.

**THINK**

Besides a tree house,
what can you make
by using the wood?



Wood You Believe It?

Wood has been on Earth for at least 400 million years. Humans have long used it to build houses, furniture, tools, and even wheels. Since it's often used to make boats, many people think all wood floats.

There are, however, seventeen types of wood that actually sink in water. One of these is the very rare and expensive African blackwood. A single log costs about US\$9,000, and it's mostly used to make musical instruments like bagpipes and clarinets.

