

National Bonsai and Penjing Collection of Australia

Worksheet 1.1



The trees on display are living works of art.
Please stay on the pathway and do not touch the trees

Bonsai, or tree penjing, are woody plants grown in containers. They are kept small by trimming the tops and limiting root growth. The size of a bonsai depends on how fast it grows, its growing conditions during development, its age and how much it has been cut back. Bonsai artists aim to create the *illusion* of an old, fully grown tree in miniature.

Looking at the bonsai on display, what are the names, date of origin and first year of training for:

	Name	Date of origin	Year training started
Oldest tree			
Youngest tree			
Shortest tree			
Tallest tree			
Tree with thickest trunk			

Which of the trees on display do you like the most? _____

What do you like about this tree? _____

In the space below, sketch all or part of your favourite tree. For example, draw the whole tree, or one branch, part of a branch, the base of the trunk, or some bark.

