

## **petiole**

The petiole is the leaf stalk.

## **phloem**

The phloem is the outer layer of the tree that carries sap and photosynthates to all part of the tree.

## **pH**

PH is a measure of soil acidity. PH 7.0 is neutral. Lower PH is acid, and higher PH is alkaline.

## **photosynthesis**

Photosynthesis is the process whereby sunlight is absorbed by plant foliage and converted into sugars by combining carbon dioxide and water.

## **pinching**

Pinching is a technique used to increase twigging and ramification in bonsai, by carefully pinching or pulling off small shoots by hand.

## **pinnate**

Pinnate is a term used for a leaf stem that comprises several 'leaflets' on separate stalks.

## **perlite**

Perlite is a soil medium or component of a soil mix which is lightweight, and porous, that can hold water and air.

## **pot**

A pot is a growing container for bonsai, usually made of high-fired clay, or cement.

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## **pumice**

Pumice is a white, light, porous, and hard volcanic product used as a medium in a bonsai soil mix.