

# THE THEORY OF PRUNING THE PLOT

Definition of pruning: the removal of unnecessary or unwanted parts from 'something' being pruned. These unnecessary or unwanted parts limit the 'something' in some way (e.g. capacity for growth, its intrinsic beauty, its efficiency / effectiveness / efficacy, etc).

If we now define a 'plot' as an area of a particular size using the 3-dimensions of space, and we define 'pruning' as the working of the plot (its management, manipulation, improvement, etc) by the person who owns or manages it. We can then super-impose this onto the modern world, and the particular aspects and functions of society, so we can see what type of plots are being pruned today. An example of this would be a homeowner pruning their back garden with the overall area of the back garden being the 'plot' and the work the homeowner puts into the garden the 'pruning'. Another example would be me editing this document with the 'plot' being the space within the word document for me to write in and the 'pruning' being my manipulation & editing of the words.

The person in charge of the plot prunes the plot of all the negative things that (s)he does not want, while at the same time encourages positive things to prosper. What's deemed positive and negative is down to the person's personal likes and dislikes; his particular preferences or 'biased opinion'. These opinions usually have a biological basis which in evolutionary terms are dependent on how his/her ancestors evolved and the particular plots the ancestors existed in. In terms of the homeowner and the back-garden, there will be negative things that (s)he does not wish to incorporate into the presentation of the garden. This may include the removal of unwanted plants (weeds), other features which do not conform to the presentation and discouraging/preventing animals (e.g., stopping animals digging holes in the lawn) from entering the garden.

Plots can come in all different shapes and sizes from tiny plots to gigantic plots which all get pruned in many different ways. You can get plots inside plots, such as an allotment with each allotment being worked by its tenant(s) while the overall allotment is controlled by the local council. You can get plots that overlap plots, such as a UK National Trail (Footpath) which is managed and maintained by the 'National trails authority' and is designated a public right of way. A walker/hiker will pass through many different plots as he follows his/her trail, such as farmers' fields, golf courses, etc. Finally, you have static plots that are immobile and rarely (if ever) change shape or size, such as a room in a house, and dynamic plots which are constantly moving and/or changing shape or size, such as a beach which changes with the tides.

Also, there is normally a Tool associated with the removal of 'unnecessary or unwanted parts from 'something' being pruned'. A tool is defined as a device or implement used to carry out a particular function. Different activities and tasks naturally require different tools with particular tools working best with their associated activity. You can also have biological / geographical agents that perform a given function, under particular conditions, that I would consider similar to a tool (e.g. Rocks on the seashore causing ships to sink). In terms of pruning the plot the most obvious items to remove from any given plot would be physical objects / materials. In terms of a personality characteristic, if you place the personality characteristic in a metaphorical box, then curing the person of the characteristic is similar to removing the metaphorical box from the person.

Another aspect associated with tool usage are the things people focus on in the environment. I'll divide these into groups such as 'focusing on Self', 'focusing on objects', 'focusing on the landscape', etc. See Documents: [www.electron-buffet.co.uk/documents/manipulation.pdf](http://www.electron-buffet.co.uk/documents/manipulation.pdf) & [www.electron-buffet.co.uk/documents/harvest.pdf](http://www.electron-buffet.co.uk/documents/harvest.pdf). I will also define the things a particular individual focuses on as his/her 'point /direction of focus' with the 'point/direction of focus' differing depending on how he or she is neurologically aligned due to inherited personality characteristics. The individual's biological alignment towards a particular point of focus, improves their ability when engaged in a related situation or activity. An analogy for this might be a telescope that points in a particular direction enabling it to focus more precisely on that area of space.

A person may engage in multiple activities in a single day such as preparing food, interacting with guests, mowing the lawn, etc. Some people may be great at one type of manipulation while relatively weak at other types: e.g. The famous artist Michelangelo, who painted the inside of Sistine Chapel, was an exceptional stone mason (focusing on objects) while being notorious for his poor personal hygiene (focusing on self). Another example are Politicians whose career background usually involves dealing with people (such as lawyers/salesmen) so they have a neurological alignment towards the manipulation of people (e.g. focusing on people/individuals). This usually involves the manipulator manipulating the manipulated, with the focus on the person being manipulated (attempting to steer/shape them while focusing on their weaknesses, errors, etc) while the manipulator does not focus, so is somewhat oblivious to their own faults.

Bearing Reins (used in the Horse industry during the 1800's) where the focus is on the overall style / elegance of the horse, rather than on its physical welfare, with its head held in a particular desired position preventing the horse from lowering its head beyond a fixed point. Due to the craze/fashion at the time improper use meant horses heads being held in extreme positions sometimes for prolonged periods. Over the course of the horse's life prolonged use of bearing reins caused major damage to its neck and back due to the neck being held in an unnatural position. A device that could be used safely and with reason was corrupted and became essentially a torture device for a fashion statement.

(S)He who harvests the most is the mightiest person, with the focus being on the amount/quantity that each person has managed to accumulate. In ancient times Agriculturists would harvest food (grain) at the end of each growing season and store it in a granary ready for the winter months. In modern times Politicians devise policies in an attempt to convince the public to vote for them, on election day votes are placed into a ballot box with the person with the biggest vote harvest declared winner. Businessmen harvest money (profits) which get stored in bank accounts and/or objects of wealth (e.g. expensive car/house). Students enrol on college/university courses and attempt to learn whatever knowledge the teacher waffles about and at the end of each year they take exams with the results harvest being stored on a college/uni results certificate. Unions attempting to harvest more money for their members through strikes. Celebrities harvesting followers on social media.

Alternatives to harvesting the most are (s)he who comes up with the best idea is the mightiest person. These people are commonly found in Science/Engineering/Art disciplines. The engineer (focusing on design) who comes up with the best idea is known as an inventor. Scientists (focusing on knowledge) compile

their ideas while attempting to shape them into coherent theories which explain natural processes or phenomenon. These theories are then put forward for peer review by qualified professionals. The Artist who paints the best picture or the musician who comes up with the best song usually becomes very well-known / famous. The 'Best' has its origins in people (e.g. Ancient Hunter-gatherer people) going out exploring in the surrounding landscape and then coming home with the 'best' catch/item found (e.g. Stonehenge's Scottish altar stone)/piece of knowledge/etc.

Finally, (s)he who performs best in a particular discipline may be considered the 'most competent' person. This includes sports people, singers, dancers, people giving speeches, etc. Also includes animals whose heritable characteristics (traits) give them enhanced competence at a particular activity such as squirrels (tree climbers), moles (burrowing animals) and cheetahs (chasing the prey).

### **Some Laws of Physics relevant to 'direction of focus'**

**Time** is defined as the infinite progression of existence from the past, through the present and into the future. All events occur in this sequence and can be measured (such as by using a clock) to define their duration and the intervals between them. There are limitations, and in some cases conflicts, to what can occur in a given period of time, such as rolling two different numbers on a dice, someone winning & losing at the same time or a person being simultaneously angry / happy. Also, the ability to multi-task may appear to enable someone to do two different tasks at the same time (e.g. holding a conversation while working on an activity).

**Space** is defined as the three dimensions of height, width & depth. All things exist within these dimensions and there are physical limitations to what can exist in a particular space. If you place a cupboard in an unoccupied part of a room that space becomes occupied so is no longer available for other purposes. In some cases, there can be conflicts such as placing a sauna & a library in the same room or animals & automobile wheels sharing the same piece of road.

**Gravity** is defined as a force that attracts objects, of physical mass, to one another. There is usually a 'central point' such as the middle of the Earth or the Sun at the centre of our solar system. Finally, there's a direction of travel, such as our planet following an orbital path around the Sun. An object (e.g. a projectile) cannot travel along multiple paths at the same time, the only way it can is if it splits into multiple parts which then each follow a single trajectory.

	A: The Plot	B: Tool(s)	C: Stuff to be removed
<b>Focusing on Self</b>			
<b>Mud on Person's Face</b>	Person's Face	Soap/Flannel	Mud
<b>Tumour inside a person's Lungs</b>	Person's Lungs	Surgical Equipment	The Tumour
<b>Me feeling tired after long day</b>	My body	Sleep	Tiredness
<b>Wiping my bottom</b>	My Bottom	Toilet Paper	Poo (Faeces)
<b>Plaque on Person's Teeth</b>	Person's Teeth	Toothbrush	Plaque
<b>Muck on Cat's Fur</b>	Cat's Fur	Cat's Tongue	The Muck
<b>Focusing on Objects</b>			
<b>Carving a Piece of Wood</b>	Piece of Wood	Carving Knife	Wood to be removed
<b>Potato that needs Peeling</b>	Mr Potato	Potato Peeler	His Skin (Potato Peel)
<b>Pillow with dirty Pillowcase</b>	Pillow + Pillowcase	My Hands	Dirty Pillowcase
<b>Spwelling mistakes in Word Document</b>	Word Document	Dictionary	Spwelling Mustakes
<b>Caterpillars on Cabbage Leaves</b>	Cabbage	Gardeners Hands	Caterpillars
<b>Woodpecker making hole in tree</b>	Tree	Woodpecker's Beak	Wood removed from hole
<b>Smoothing rough sawn wood</b>	Piece of Wood	Sandpaper	Rough Wood on Surface
<b>Glasgow's Duke of Wellington Equestrian Statue</b>	Equestrian Statue of Arthur Wellesley	Broom or another long object	Traffic Cone
<b>Focusing on 'The Person'</b>			
<b>Person with Illness</b>	The Person	Medication/rest	The illness
<b>Disruptive student making noise in Classroom</b>	The classroom	Teacher's using their verbal abilities / gesticulation	The noise the student is making
<b>Person receiving Death Sentence</b>	The Person	Electric Chair, Lethal Injection, Hanging, etc.	The Person's Life
<b>Person carrying illegal items (e.g Weapons) at airport</b>	The Person (and/or their Luggage)	X-ray machine & Airport security	Illegal Items (and potentially the person)
<b>Tattooist applying tattoos to a person's skin</b>	The persons Skin	Tattooist Equipment	Plain Skin that hasn't been tattooed.
<b>Person with irritating personality characteristic(s) (e.g loud voice, unhygienic habits, person telling untruths/lying, Stealing, etc)</b>	The person	Angry stares, snide comments, moaning, therapy, lobotomy, Stoning/Death, etc	Irritating personality characteristic (their Sins)

Focusing on Animals			
Watching people feed Birds down local park	Local Park	The Birds	Food thrown on ground or at the birds.
Overly Hairy Poodle	The Poodle	Electronic/Mechanical Shaver	Dog's Hair
Predator chasing Prey	Territory the prey inhabits	The predator (& claws, teeth, etc)	The prey / it's life / flesh
Sheep with Ecto-parasites	The Sheep	Sheep Dip (liquid insecticide / fungicide)	Ecto-parasites such as ticks & fleas
James Herriot (Glagwegian) helping a mare (horse) with dystocia give birth.	Horse	Arm / hook / rope / surgical intervention	Successfully removal of live foal from horse.
Focusing on 'The Landscape'			
Racist person existing on the 'Black Lives Matter' landscape	'Black Lives Matter' landscape	Various means e.g. shaming, police, being sacked, etc	Racist Person
Ship sinking having struck rocks along Coastline	Coastline ship occupies	Rocky Shoreline	The Ship
Crow harassing bird of prey	Crow's Territory	Aggressive Behaviour	Bird of Prey
Wind creating a sandstorm	The geographical area where the sand originally resided (before it moved!)	Wind (Pardon my bottom!)	The Sand
Mining the hills / mountains for minerals	Hills / Mountains	Quarry Vehicles / Mining Equipment / Explosives	Ore / Minerals being removed from mine / quarry
Criminals operating in local area	Town / city	The Police	Criminals
Locals driving out (beating/killing) person who's been accused / convicted of molesting Children.	The Town/City the person lives within	The Mob and their aggressive behaviour, fists, weapons, etc	The Paedophile
The Environment / climate being damaged by Human Activity	Planet Earth	Disease, Famine, War	The humans and their destructive habits
The Langoliers devouring the recent past. (Fictional Stephen King story)	Bangor Maine	The Langoliers	The recent past
USA and the American Indian Problem	Montana, Wyoming, Dakota & Nebraska	U.S Government Policies of Ethnocide / General Custer & the 7th Cavalry	Hunkpapa & Oglala Sioux Indians being removed from the landscape, placed onto reserves and stripped of their way of life.
Benjamin Netanyahu and the Arab Problem.	The Middle East	Israel's Military (IDF)	The Palestinians (Hamas), Lebanese (Hezbollah), Arabs (Muslims).
Adolf Hitler & The Jews	The Third Reich	Gas Chambers / Concentration Camps	The Jews
MacDonalds of Glencoe	Glencoe	Captain Robert Campbell of Glen Lyon & Scottish government soldiers.	The MacDonalds

Internal/External Environment			
<b>Muck on Lounge Carpet</b>	The Carpet	Vacuum Cleaner	The Muck
<b>Fly flying around room</b>	The Room	Fly Spray or opening window to let fly escape	The Fly
<b>Tennis Player playing tennis</b>	The Marked Area on their side of Tennis Court	Tennis Racket	The Ball (before it bounces Twice)
<b>Customers buying items (consumer goods) from shop(s)</b>	The shop	The persons hands, shopping basket, money, etc	The item the person is purchasing.
<b>Warehouse full of goods about to be dispatched</b>	The Warehouse	People, Forklift trucks, lorries, etc	The goods (having been placed onto the back of lorries).
<b>Irrigating a field with water</b>	The Water Source (e.g. water storage tank)	The Irrigation system	Water being removed from Water Source
<b>Gardner weeding Vegetable Plot</b>	Vegetable Plot	Trowel / Weed Killer	The Weeds (mainly non-edible wildflowers / plants)
<b>Agriculturalists removing from the field of crops anything that reduces the yearly harvest / limits growth.</b>	The field of crops	Insecticides, weapons, etc	Insects/Caterpillars/etc, Other vertebrate Species that compete for the same food source (e.g. deer)
<b>Misbehaving person @ Disco</b>	The Disco	The Bouncers	Misbehaving Person
<b>Old Clothes that need taking to Recycle Centre</b>	My Flat	Bag / Rucksack	Old Clothes
<b>Volcanic Eruption</b>	Magma Chamber	Force created by Pressure	Larva (through weak spot in Earth's Crust)
<b>Water inside Sinking Ship</b>	The Ship	Water pumps	Water
<b>Heat inside Nuclear Reactor</b>	The Nuclear Reactor	Cooling System	The Heat