

# We're going on a bug hunt!

## The Bug Hunt

1. Choose a good place to explore — this could be in your garden, the local park or in and under your outdoor plant pots.
2. Have your equipment ready with you
  - a. Animal Identification Sheet & pencil
  - b. Plastic spoons and clear bug pots or clear tupperware
3. Look slowly & carefully for animals. Some good places to check are under stones and logs, in the cracks of trees, and at the base of long grass!
4. If you need to get a closer look at an animal to identify it, very gently pick it up using the spoon and place it into your pot.

Always remember to put the animal back where you found it!

**EXTRA TIP** — lay a white sheet or pillowcase under a bush or tree and shake the branches to see what creatures fall out!

## Can you answer these questions just like a scientist would?

1. What different animals did you find on your nature hunt? Were they all bugs?
2. Did you find the same number of each animal? Why do you think that is?
3. Where did you find each animal? (Bush, under log, on a tree). Did everything live in the same place? Why do you think that is?
4. What would happen if all the plants were taken away in this area?
5. What do the different animals eat? Do any of them eat other living things? See if you can draw a food chain for the animals you found.

To find some new animals, try doing your Bug Hunt in a different type of place or in different weather. Have fun exploring!


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Date:

Class:

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