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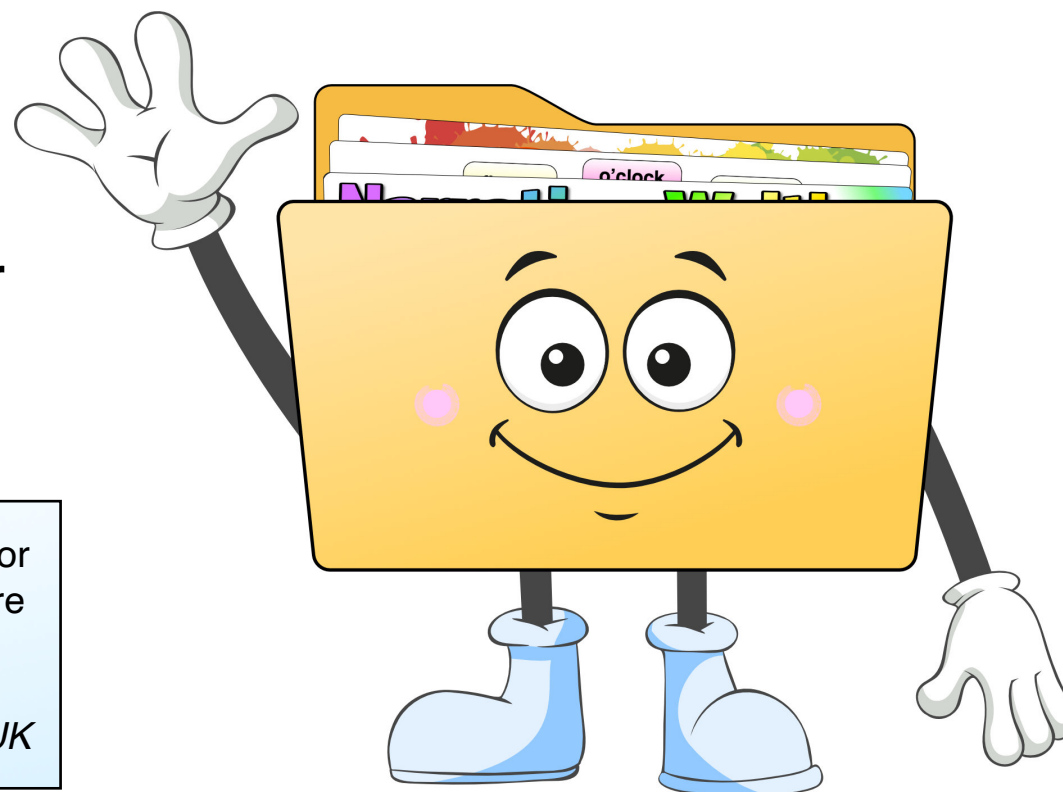
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Outdoor Listening



Stand quietly in your outdoor area and listen carefully.
It may help to close your eyes.

What can you hear?

Use the recording sheet to make a list
of everything that you heard.

*Did you hear people, animals, vehicles,
types of weather or anything else?*

Think of some adjectives or
phrases to describe the sounds.

Bonus: Did you hear any sounds that could be
written using onomatopoeia (e.g. bang, whoosh)?



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Story Settings

Can you write a story set in this place?

Explore the area and think how it could be used as the
setting for a story. What events might happen here?
Describe the location in your story using things you can
see, imagine characters that might live or visit here, and
plan a story that takes place.

Story Ideas:

- What exciting adventures might have started here?
- Could a crime have taken place, or maybe a mysterious object, path or door was found here?
- Could a magical creature live in this area? What powers might it have?



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What can you see?



Explore your outdoor area carefully and make a list of everything that you can see.

You could draw pictures of what you find or write down their names.

Here are some examples of things to look out for.

Trees	Flowers	Birds	Insects
Mammals	Reptiles and Amphibians	Rocks and Stones	Streams or Ponds
Mushrooms and Fungi	Sticks and Leaves	Clouds	Animal Tracks and Droppings
Spider Webs	Nests or Burrows	Fruits or Berries	Grasses and Weeds

Remember to look and NOT touch!

Bonus: Can you find something beginning with every letter of the alphabet?



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Improving the Area

How would you make this area better?

Come up with some exciting ideas to improve this space for the people who visit, to help animals and plants living here and to take care of the environment. What would you add, remove or change to make things better?



You could present your work in many different ways:

- A list of improvement ideas,
- A mind map with illustrations,
- A drawing showing how you would change the area,
- A persuasive letter to the owner of the land, asking them to consider making your improvements.



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Changing Places

How has this area changed in the past?

Look into the past and discover how your outdoor space has changed over time. Have any buildings been added? Have any new trees or plants grown? Has it been used for any special events?

To find out more information, you could talk to people who have known the area for a long time, find local newspaper articles about the place, search online or look at old maps and photos.



Bonus:
Could you make a timeline to show how the place has changed over time?



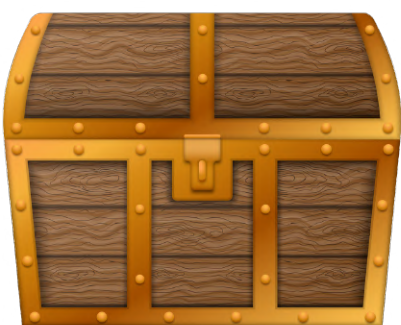
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Treasure Trail



Can you hide an object in your outdoor area and write clues to help someone find it?

Choose a safe place in your area and write a clue that will help somebody find it. Hide a new clue card in that place to help the person find a second spot. Repeat this a number of times and then hide a small item of 'treasure' at the final location when all the mystery places have been discovered!



Bonus:
Could you write one letter on each clue card and then challenge the other person to rearrange the letters (when they have found every clue) to reveal the final location?

