

Learning About Plants & Insects

The aim of this activity is to watch a patch of ground for 10 minutes and record as many types of plants and animals you see within that time!

What you need:

- A patch of ground e.g. in your garden, park, farm
- A recording sheet (attached)
- A timer (set it to 10 minutes!)
- A camera to take a photo
- Some rope or ribbon to set out your space
- Measuring Tape

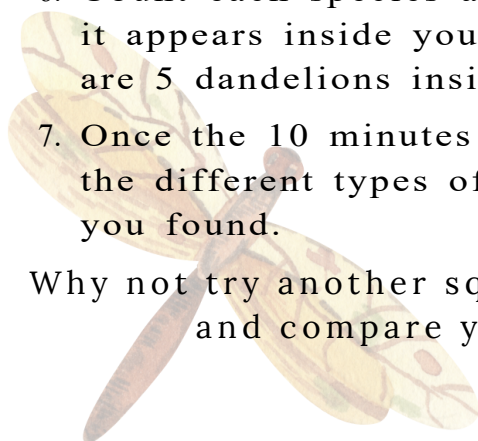
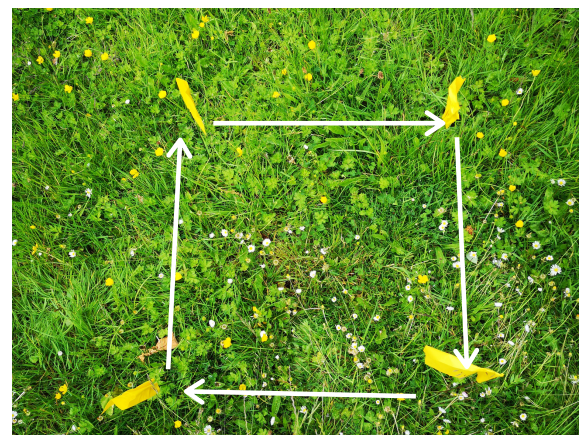
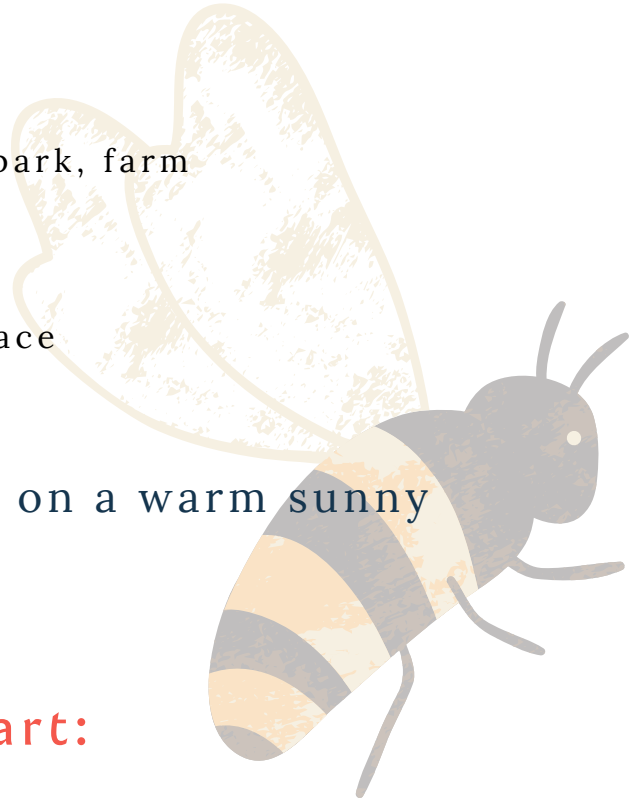
You will see more insects on a warm sunny day!



The 'how to' part:

1. Choose your location for your survey.
2. Line out your survey square, 50cm long x 50cm wide.
3. Get out your timer and recording sheet.
4. Take a photo of your survey area.
5. Start the timer and write down all the plants and animals you can see inside your 50 x 50 square (Don't forget to include the ones that are flying and land inside your square!)
6. Count each species and how many times it appears inside your square e.g. There are 5 dandelions inside your square.
7. Once the 10 minutes is over, count up all the different types of plants and insects you found.

Why not try another square somewhere else and compare your results?





Insect & Plant Recording Sheet

Name

Date

Year

Location

Temperature

Sunshine%

Wind Direction

Plant :

Animal:

Did you know?

You can record all of
your sightings through
the National
Biodiversity Data
Centre!



What next?

Use this space to draw what you have recorded.

Sketch out your survey area and where you found your plants and animals.

Don't forget to label all your drawings!



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Insect & Plant survey ID guide



Red Admiral Butterfly



Bumblebee



Earwig



Snail



Green Shield Bug



Earthworm



Red Damselfly



Millipede



Black Slug



Woodlouse



Ladybird



Ant



Orange Tipped
Butterfly



Chaffinch



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Foxglove



Buttercup



Heather



Cats-ear



Sanicle



White Clover



Forget me not



Dog Violet



Bluebell



Primrose



Dandelion



Daisy



Speedwell



Marsh Marigold