



Burren Rock Stars Minibeast Hunt



Purpose: Learn to explore the fascinating world of minibeasts and see things from a worm's eye view!

Find and name the minibeasts in your garden.

Minibeasts are small creatures like centipedes, woodlice, ants, spiders and worms



Location: Outdoors at home



Duration: Up to 30 minutes a day

Level of Experience: None required

Equipment: Watch, minibeast hunt sheet, pencil, a plastic cup and a magnifying glass would be useful



Minibeast Hunt Instructions.

- 1) Print off the minibeast hunt spotter sheet
- 2) Quietly and carefully search for minibeasts in your garden. Look in the grass, under stones, logs and flowerpots.
- 3) Use a magnifying glass to look closely at the creature or carefully place the creature in a plastic cup to get a good look. Try to match the creatures you find to the spotter sheet.
- 4) Don't forget to release your beasts when you are finished!
- 5) Repeat the hunt another day and look in different places, you might see different minibeasts
- 6) If you see creatures not on the sheet, photograph or draw them, and identify them later. You can use websites or text books to help you name and learn about insects.



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Minibeast Hunt Spotter Sheet



Ladybird



Ant



Snail



Earthworm



Woodlouse



Millipede



Slug



Spider



Centipede



Beetle



Earwig



Hoverfly

Minibeasts are invertebrates, creatures without backbones or internal skeletons, which includes insects. Over 90% of the creatures on earth are invertebrates, which have been living on earth for over 500 million years. Irish Insects are quite harmless to humans. They are small and delicate and most eat plants or other invertebrates.