

Beavers Explore Badge

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What I Might Find On My Exploration Activity[©]

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Overview

For this badge your group will do an activity at your meeting place which will give them some things to look out for when they go on a real 'exploration'. Once they have completed the activity you can take them on an Exploration to a place that suits where you are situated.

Preparation Before The Meeting

1. Print and cut out the Seashore, Forest & Town Centre pictures – you need 1 entire set for each team of 3. Mix them up
2. Print and cut out the labels for Seashore, Forest & Town Centre – you need 1 set for each team of 3 – there are three sets on the page

Preparation At The Meeting

1. Spread out the Seashore, Forest & Town Centre pictures on the floor in the middle of your room

Directions/Leader Speak

1. **Speak** - Tonight we are going to start the 'Explore Badge'. What an exciting badge this is. Firstly, you are going to do a fun activity in teams of three which will give you an idea of things to look out for when you go on your 'exploration'.
2. **Speak** - One real exploration we are going to take together is... [explain where you are going to take them and when – for example your local forest or beach etc]
 - a. **Please note I help you decide where to go in the file named... 02-The Exploration**
3. **Speak** - When we finish our session, I will give you all a form that your carers will need to complete before you we can all go on the exploration. Once we've been on the exploration, I can award you your badge!
4. **Action** – Put your group into teams of three (it's okay if your group numbers don't work out perfectly – you can have a team of two)
5. **Speak** - Here's 3 labels that represent 3 different places where you might go and explore: The Seashore, Forest or Town Centre
6. **Action** – Give the 3 labels to each team
7. **Speak** - Find a space in the room and layout your 3 labels
8. **Speak** - In the middle of the room I have spread out different things that you may see in these 3 different places. You should find 12 different things for each place
9. **Speak** - The first member in your team should go to the middle of the room turn over a piece of paper and bring it back to your space. Together you can decide which place to put it under, so for example, if you find a picture of some 'Seashells' you would put that under the 'Seashore' heading
10. **Speak** - Then the next person in the team goes to the middle to collect another item. If you turn it over and think you already have it put it back where you found it and pick another one
11. **Speak** - Then again bring it back to your team and place it under the correct heading
12. **Speak** - We will come round and check you have 12 items under each heading and that they are correct.

13. **Direction** - If you think they had fun you could now turn it into a **race**. Put all the pictures back in the middle of the room and run the activity again but this time the first team to get all items under their headings are the winners
14. **Action** - At the end of your session hand the necessary consent form for the carers permission to take the group member on the exploration.

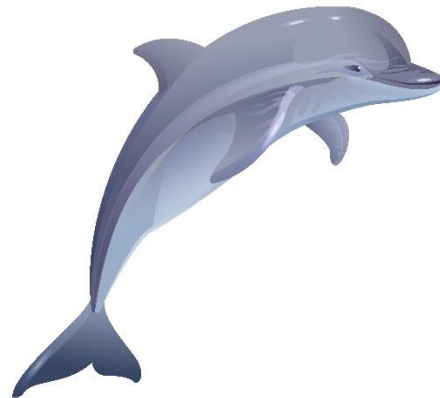
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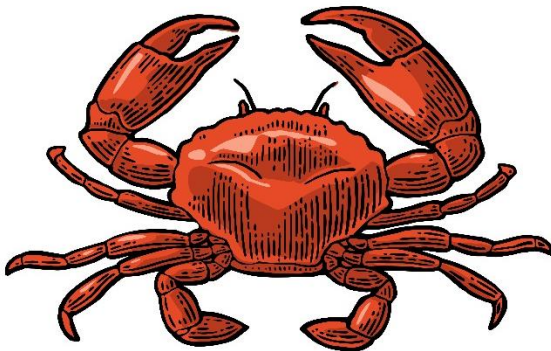
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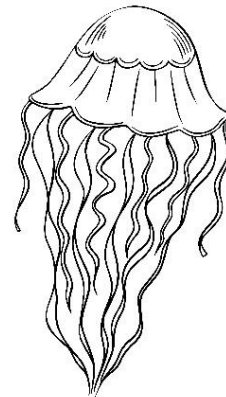
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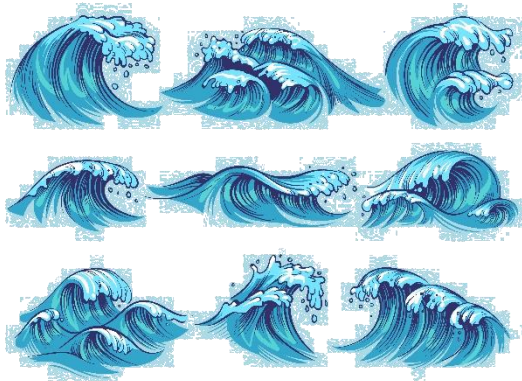
SEA HORSE



SANDCASTLE



PEBBLES



WAVES



MESSAGE IN A BOTTLE

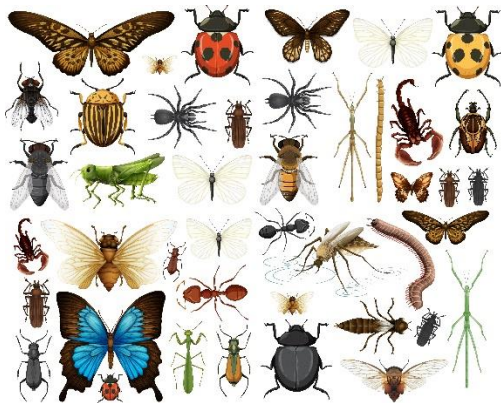
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TREES



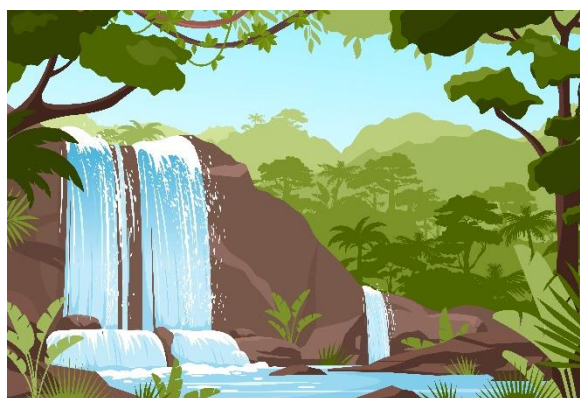
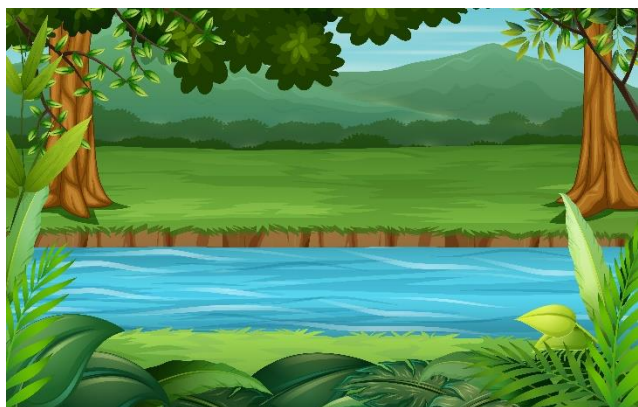
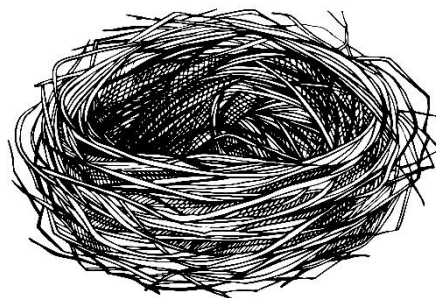
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INSECTS, WORMS & BUTTERFLIES



LOGS



TOWN CENTRE



SHOP



TRAIN STATION



CAFÉ



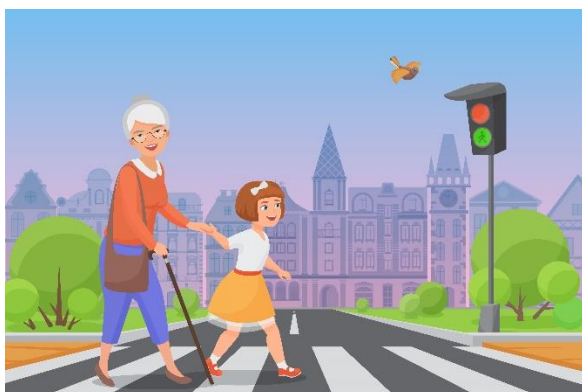
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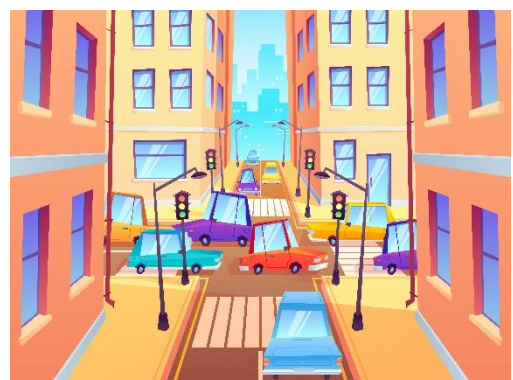
PEOPLE ON BIKES



BUSES



ZEBRA CROSSING



CARS



MUSEUM



STREET ENTERTAINERS



HOMES



TAXIS

FOREST

TOWN CENTRE

SEASHORE

FOREST

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