



Literacy & Language
Age 2-5

Sensory scavenger hunts

- Descriptive vocabulary



Overview

These hands-on scavenger hunt activities will encourage exploration and expose children to wider range of vocabulary.

Resources

- A natural space
- Egg boxes

Activity

1. Choose an outside area where a wide range of natural items can be collected
2. Provide small groups of children with an egg box
3. Challenge them to find 6 materials that all feel different to place in each compartment.
4. Invite the groups to share their adjectives for the feelings.

Suggested outcomes for learning and play

We understand you will tailor this activity to the learning needs of your pupils. Here are some of the learning outcomes and extension ideas that other practitioners have used this lesson idea to reach:

- To spend time in nature and explore the natural world
- To use descriptive language and understand what an adjective is

Suggested outcomes for learning and play (cont.)

Subject	Topic	Ideas for further exploration
Art	Colour recognition	Use paint colour token and match them with items from nature. Discuss which colours were easiest/hardest to match and why.
Literacy and language	Speaking and listening	Find items that make particular sounds
	Storytelling	Challenge the children to organise their materials whilst blindfolded Make up stories to link together the different things you have found
Maths	Number/shape	Challenge children to find a particular number or size of items
Science	Animals	Link the senses to different animals such as bats relying upon hearing, eagles having excellent eyesight and badgers depending upon their sense of smell.



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