Let's Sketch Nature!



One of the best ways to learn about nature is to draw what you see!



It is important to look at all the details. It is the details that will help you know what you are looking at!



For example, everyone knows what a tree is.

How would you describe a tree?



You would probably say a tree has:

- trunk
- branches
- leaves
- · roots in the ground

That describes all trees. But there are so many different kinds of trees.

Each kind of tree has its own size and shape of leaf and bark.

These are clues to figure out the kind of tree you are drawing.

Let's explore!

Grab a sketch pad and a pencil and take a look at a tree outside.

Try tracing the leaf — it makes it easy to get the leaf shape! If the leaf has changed its color, you can then

decorate it the same color!



Did you Know?

Fall is a great time to see trees change their colors! Take a closer look at different kinds of trees. Each kind can have different color leaf!

The nature sketch game

How to play

- 1. Take a short walk anywhere outside.
- 2. Stop and watch one thing. It could be a flower, tree, caterpillar, etc. Take just a few moments and try to look at all the details.
- 3. Walk back to where you started.
- 4. Draw what you can remember. Try to remember all those little details.
- 5. Take your drawing back to your spot and compare your drawing to your nature object.



Did you remember everything about your nature object?

Take a moment to finish your drawing with those extra details you forgot.

*Bonus: Post your sketches to our Facebook page. Everyone would love to see them!

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