

# My A-Z of nature



This fun game will help to improve writing skills and spelling. It can be done with younger children with more help from an adult by writing each word as you think of them for the child to trace.

**Time:** One-two hours

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## What you'll need

- Pen
- Paper
- Smartphone or camera
- Identification guides (optional)



## What to do

1. Ask the children to write the alphabet on their piece of paper or in a notebook. Each letter of the alphabet should be on a new line.
2. Go into the garden or for a walk in your neighbourhood, taking pen, paper and smartphone or camera with you.
3. Ask the children to be observant: what they can see, smell, and hear in nature?
4. Try to fill in the alphabet with them using the things they notice around them. For example, W for wind, G for grass, B for bumblebee.
5. Look under rocks, up into high tree branches, and peer into hedges to find as many species as you can.
6. If the children see anything they can't identify, encourage them to take a photo to allow you to identify it at home.

7. Head back inside and see how many letters of the alphabet you managed to complete.
8. Look at identification guides or the internet to try to identify the things you saw.
9. For any missing letters, think together about what you could fill them with, challenge the children to use UK wildlife only, until all 26 letters have been completed!



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Active learning outdoors fosters development and a lifelong love of learning. Captured beautifully in the words of Benjamin Franklin: “Tell me and I forget, teach me and I may remember, involve me and I will learn”.

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Paul, school teacher and new dad, Manchester

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