



Going on a Book-nic

Take your kids on a literacy themed picnic and encourage reading together while you enjoy the great outdoors.



Before You Go:

1. Work with your child to make sure you have the items you'll need to be comfortable. Some ideas are:

- a. Put together a healthy lunch or a **variety** of snacks to enjoy while you are at the park.
- b. **Assemble** a few things for your trip like a blanket and hats, visors, or sunglasses to protect your eyes (direct sunlight can be very bright for reading).
- c. Don't forget to bring and **apply** sunscreen!

2. Pack your book-nic basket!

- a. At home or at the library, find park- or nature-related stories.
 - i. Find one or more books to read together in addition to books for your kids to read on their own.
 - ii. If you need hints, try the PBS Parents bookfinder at pbsparents.org/bookfinder.
- b. Bring along a few tools for your trip.
 - i. Pencils or washable pens
 - ii. Paper or a notebook
 - iii. Literacy-related printables from pbsparents.org/read

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Read Together & Share

Instructions:

1. Take turns reading aloud if you brought a “read aloud” book.
2. Talk about the book
 - a. Are there things in the park that are also in the book? What are they?
 - b. Have your child write some of your answers below.

What **characters** are in the books?

What was the **plot**, or the basic sequence of events?

What was the **resolution**, how did the story end?

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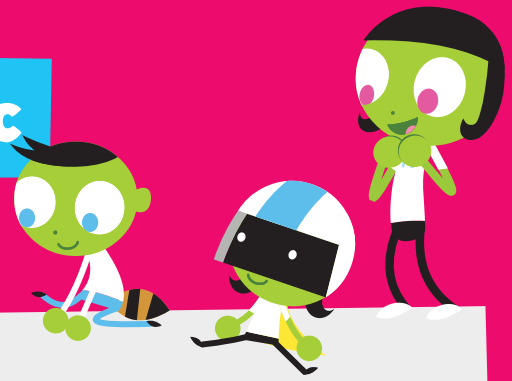
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Nature Hunt: A-Z

Instructions:

1. Assign one member of the group to be the **recorder** for your nature hunt, (choose an adult or child who can write down the "found" items).
2. Search together for things in the great outdoors that start with the letters A-Z, and record them in the list below as you find them. Even if you can't see all of the **objects** that go with the letters, be creative and use your imagination!

Letter	Item Found	Letter	Item Found
A	_____	N	_____
B	_____	O	_____
C	_____	P	_____
D	_____	Q	_____
E	_____	R	_____
F	_____	S	_____
G	_____	T	_____
H	_____	U	_____
I	_____	V	_____
J	_____	W	_____
K	_____	X	_____
L	_____	Y	_____
M	_____	Z	_____

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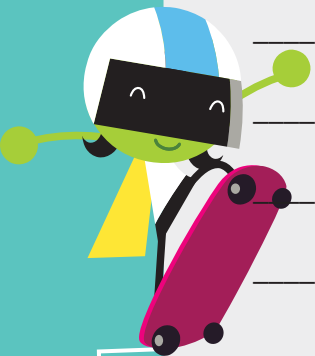
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Make Your Own Story



Instructions:

Get to know your surroundings and create your own story. Find three things around you by looking up, down, and to each side. Write a story about the three things you find in the space below.



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Nature Word Find

Instructions:

See how many words you can find. Are there any objects in the word find that are also in the park?



A	C	L	O	U	W	R	U	P	D	O
Y	F	S	E	R	C	L	O	U	D	H
S	T	R	E	A	M	J	R	D	F	A
T	S	U	A	L	F	L	M	D	L	B
R	U	S	B	C	L	O	U	L	O	I
E	N	V	I	R	O	N	M	E	N	T
M	S	T	R	E	W	R	W	A	T	A
F	H	A	D	I	E	T	N	O	T	T
N	I	D	E	G	R	A	S	S	R	D
I	N	S	E	C	T	R	E	L	E	M
P	E	B	B	L	E	N	V	I	E	S

ACORN

BIRD

CLOUD

ENVIRONMENT

FLOWER

GRASS

HABITAT

INSECT

LEAF

PEBBLE

PUDDLE

STREAM

SUNSHINE

TREE

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