

Bush Detective

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Materials: Cards with descriptions and colour swatch

Focus: Observation skills, sorting and classifying

VELS Links: Domains and Levels: Science, Maths, English (2)



Directions:

Begin by sitting the students in a circle and ask them to list the things they can see in their surroundings. Try to move the students statements from general to specific eg, I see a tree to I see a big gum tree with long ribbony bark.

Pair the students and ask them to dip their hands in the bag full of cards a pick one out. Each pair needs to find a match in their surroundings to the description and the colour swatch on their card.

Encourage students to collect from off the ground rather than pull pieces off plants.

Allow 5 – 10 minutes for the students to search. Bring the students back together and allow them to show their items to everyone else.

Have the students sort their objects into groups by colour, size, shape, material type etc.

To conclude have the students return their items to the environment, making sure that they are well hidden so that it is not too easy for the next group.

