



# OUTDOOR SCAVENGER HUNTS

Scavenger hunts are a great way to encourage your child to explore the great outdoors. When exploring the outdoors, encourage your child to use all of their senses (Sight, Smell, Sound, Feel & Taste - where appropriate, maybe when trying herbs). Below you will find an example of a symbolised 'tick sheet' for a scavenger hunt. You could create these 'tick sheets' for your child, support them to find the items on the sheet and tick them off when they find them.

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Tick	the	Animals	when	you	see	them
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	Worm					
	Butterfly					
	Ant					

Ladybird	
Bird	
Spider	
Dog	

L.O-	I can	explore	the	outdoors.	Easy	Ok	Hard

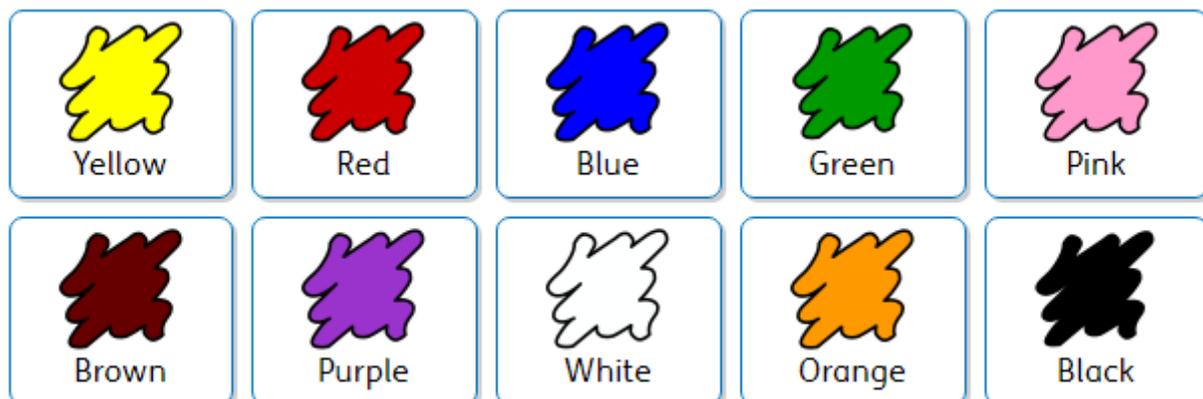
Below you will find a blank copy of a symbolised scavenger hunt 'tick sheet'.

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**EXAMPLES OF SCAVENGER HUNTS:**

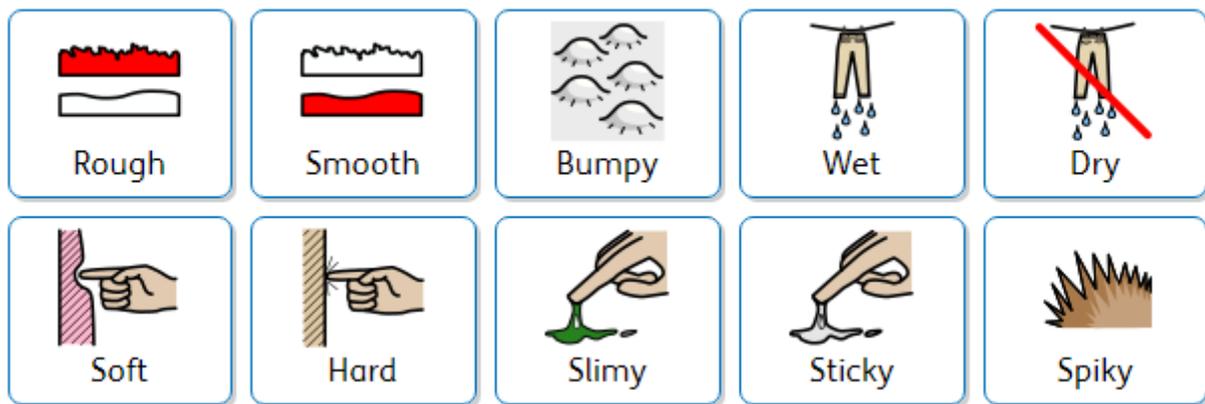
**1. Colour Scavenger Hunt:**

You could create a list of colours for your child or support your child to create their own list of colours. You could then encourage your child to hunt for items that are different colours and tick them off their list when they see them. For example, you could ask your child, "Can you find something Blue?" and encourage them to point to the blue sky/ blue flower. You could initially begin by pointing out the coloured objects and asking your child to identify the colour from an option of 2 possible answers. You could then build up to encouraging your child to look for the colours with less support. There are symbols you may like to use for this hunt below.



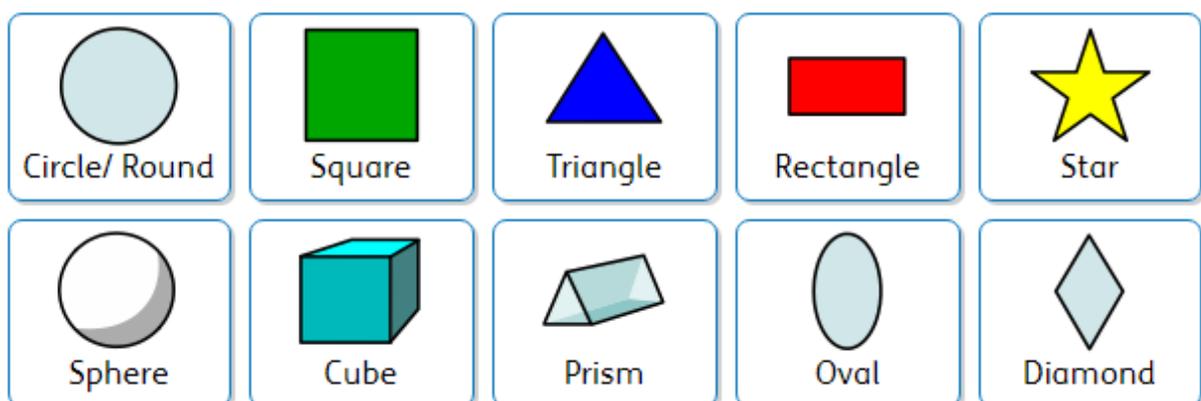
## 2. Texture Scavenger Hunt:

You could create a list of textures for your child or support your child to create their own list of textures. You could then encourage your child to hunt for items that are different textures and tick them off their list when they see them. For example, you could ask your child, "Can you find something Bumpy?" and encourage them to find a pinecone/ stick. You could initially begin by pointing out the textured objects and asking your child to identify the texture from an option of 2 possible answers. You could then build up to encouraging your child to look for the textures with less support. There are symbols you may like to use for this hunt below.



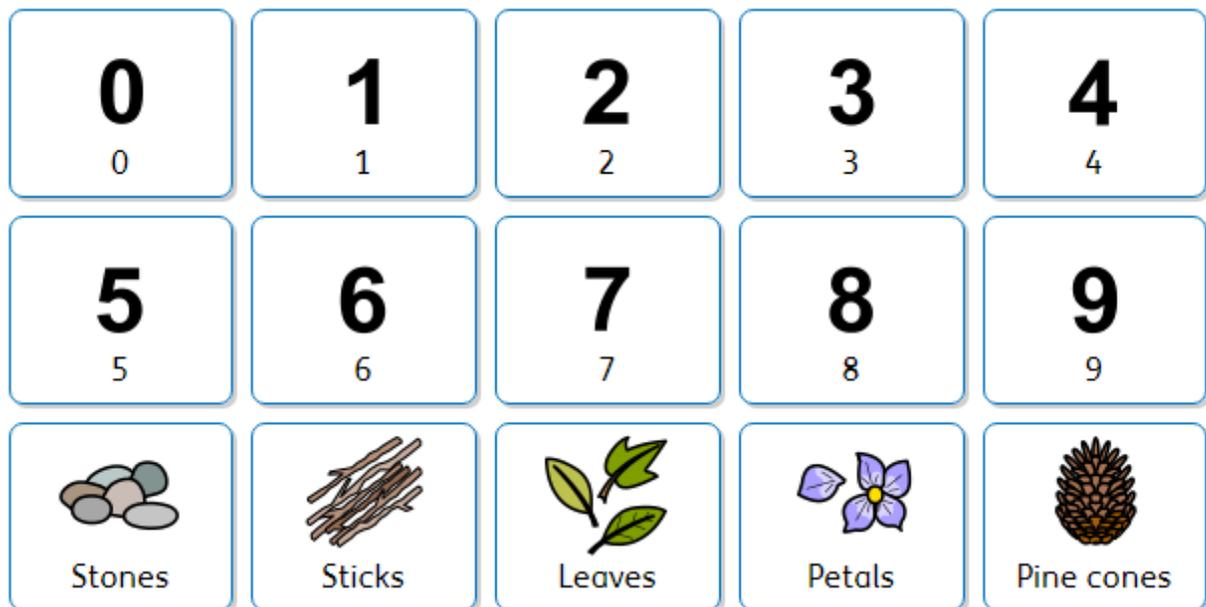
## 3. Shape Scavenger Hunt:

You could create a list of shapes for your child or support your child to create their own list of shapes. You could then encourage your child to hunt for items that are different shapes and tick them off their list when they see them. For example, you could ask your child, "Can you find something Square?" and encourage them to point to the window/ a patio slab. You could initially begin by pointing out the different shape objects and asking your child to identify the shape from an option of 2 possible answers. You could then build up to encouraging your child to look for items of different shapes with less support. There are symbols you may like to use for this hunt below.



#### 4. Counting Scavenger Hunt:

You could create a list of numbers for your child or support your child to create their own list of numbers. You could then encourage your child to hunt for amounts of items, count them out and tick them off their list. For example, you could ask your child, "Can you find some stones?", once they find them ask, "Can you count 3 Stones?" and encourage them to point and count to each stone. You could initially begin by hand over hand supporting your child to point to each item, count them aloud and after ask your child to identify the total number you counted from an option of 2 possible answers. You could then build up to encouraging your child to do this with less support. There are symbols you may like to use for this hunt below.



Another way you could do this hunt is to stick up large numbers around the garden/ on a dog walk route or even inside on a Rainy day. You could encourage your child to find the large numbers and tick them off their tick sheet when they see the numbers.



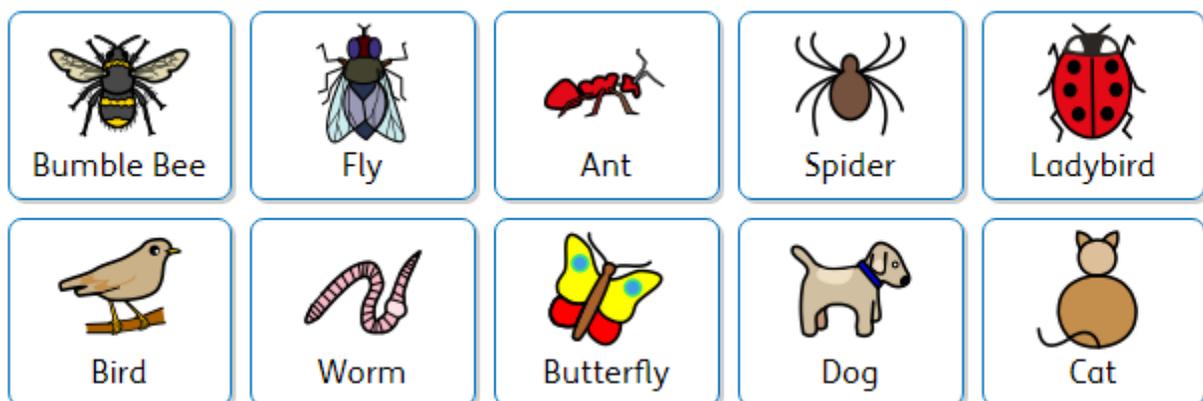
## 5. Letters Scavenger Hunt:

You could stick up large letters around the garden/ on a dog walk route or even inside on a Rainy day. You could spell out a word with each of the letters or use each letter of your child's name. For example, if your child's name was 'Sarah' you could write an 'S, a, r, a & h' on pieces of paper and stick them up. You could create a list of the letters for your child or support your child to create their own list of letters. You could encourage your child to find the large letters and tick them off their tick sheet when they see the letters.



## 6. Animal Scavenger Hunt:

You could create a list of animals/ insects you may see in the garden for your child or support your child to create their own list. You could then encourage your child to look for the animals and tick them off their list when they see them. For example, you could ask your child, "Can you see a bird?" and encourage them to point to a bird when they see it. You could initially begin by pointing out the animals and asking your child to identify them from an option of 2 possible answers. You could then build up to encouraging your child to look for and identify the animals with less support. There are symbols you may like to use for this hunt below.



## 7. Photo Scavenger Hunt:

If you have a device your child can take photos on (like an iPad or camera) you could encourage them to take images of items they are hunting for. You could create a list of items to take images of for your child or support your child to create their own list. You could then encourage your child to look for the items, take images of them and tick them off their list. For example, you could ask your child, "Can you find a flower?", once they find one ask, "Can you take a picture of it?". You could initially begin by pointing out the items and hand over hand supporting them to take an image of it. You could then build up to encouraging your child to do this with less support. There are symbols you may like to use for this hunt below.



## 8. Toys Scavenger Hunt:

You could hide various toys around the garden and encourage your child to find them. You could create a list of the toys for your child to find or support your child to create their own list. You could then encourage your child to look for the toys and tick them off their list. For example, you could ask your child, "Can you find your toy car?" and encourage them to point to it. You could initially begin by pointing out the toys and hand over hand supporting them to tick it off. You could then build up to encouraging your child to do this with less support. There are symbols you may like to use for this hunt below.



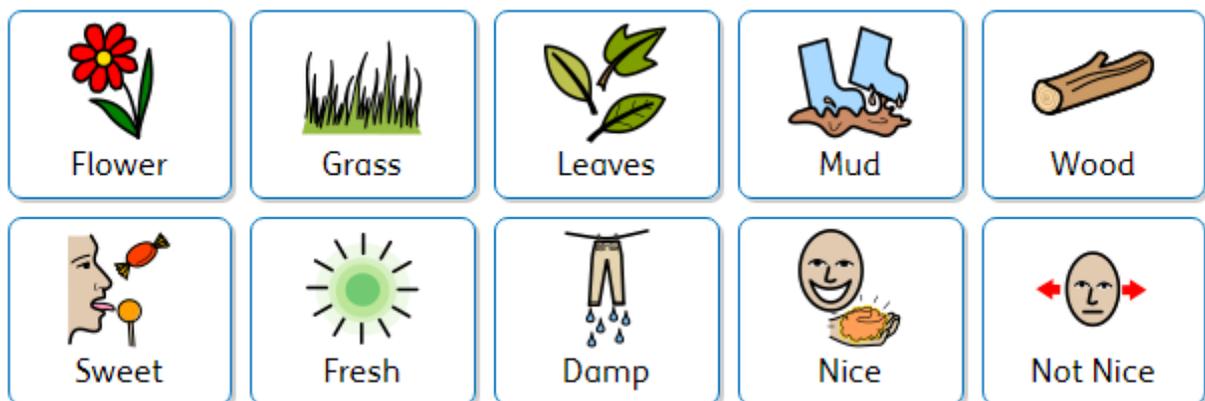
## 9. Sounds Scavenger Hunt:

You could create a list of sounds your child is likely to hear in your garden or support your child to create their own list. You could then encourage your child to listen for the sounds and tick them off their list. For example, you could ask your child, "Can you hear people talking/ cars driving past?" and encourage them to listen for it. You could initially begin by pointing out the sounds and hand over hand supporting them to tick it off. You could then build up to encouraging your child to do this with less support. There are symbols you may like to use for this hunt below.



## 10. Smells Scavenger Hunt:

You could create a list of items your child can smell in your garden or support your child to create their own list. You could then encourage your child to explore smelling the items and ticking them off their list. For example, you could ask your child, "Can you smell the flower?" and encourage them to describe it. You could initially begin by pointing out the items, describing the smells to your child and hand over hand supporting them to tick it off. You could then build up to encouraging your child to do this with less support. There are symbols you may like to use for this hunt below.



## 11. Character Scavenger Hunt:

You could print large Character images off from your child's favourite story/ from TV/ a film. You could stick up the Character images around the garden/

on a dog walk route or even inside on a Rainy day. For example, if your child's favourite books are the Mr Men/ Little Miss books you could print off a few of the characters (like Mr Strong, Mr Bump and Little Miss Chatterbox). You could create a list of the Characters for your child or support your child to create their own list. You could encourage your child to find the Characters and tick them off their tick sheet when they see them. You could initially begin by pointing out the Characters and hand over hand supporting them to tick it off. You could then build up to encouraging your child to do this with less support.

You could also print off images associated with your child's favourite story. For example, if your child's favourite story is the Hungry Caterpillar, you could print off each fruit the caterpillar eats through. You could use this scavenger hunt to help you tell an interactive version of the story. There are symbols you may like to use for this hunt below.

### **12. Easter Egg Scavenger Hunt:**

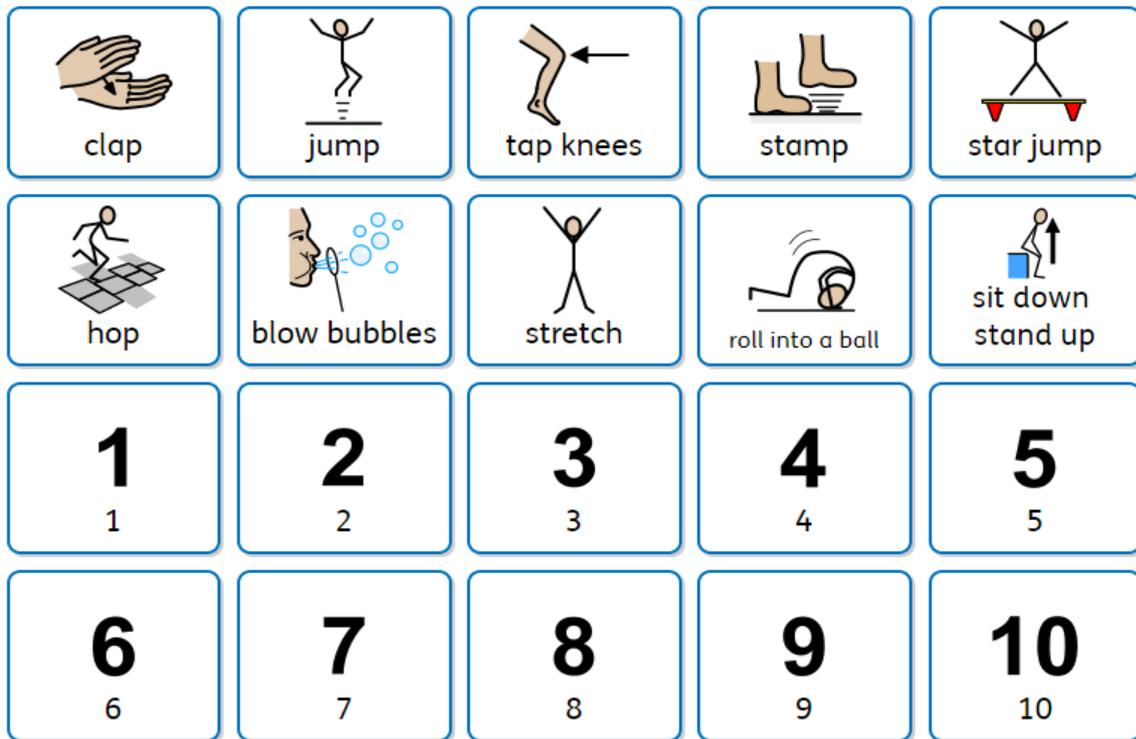
If you have any left-over Easter eggs at home you could hide them in the garden and encourage your child to find the eggs.

Twinkl link to making a basket for your hunt:

<https://www.twinkl.co.uk/resource/t-c-254499-easter-themed-basket-craft>

### **13. Actions Scavenger Hunt:**

You could hide action symbols for your child to find. Once they have found the card, they have to copy the action, or they could nominate someone else. You could also extend this to include numbers e.g 5 jumps etc. Some action symbols below:



#### 14. Transport hunt

How many different types of transport can you see from your window? If you are able to go for daily walks, you could take the tick/tally sheet with you to see how many types of transport you can see on your walk.



# Transport



Tick/tally



when



you



see



them

 Transport	 How many?
 car	
 bus	
 lorry	
 aeroplane	
 helicopter	
 something	 different

### **Twinkl Links:**

Twinkl has a variety of great scavenger hunt activities that are linked below.

'I spy' Scavenger Hunt - <https://www.twinkl.co.uk/resource/au-t-3748-australia-i-spy-scavenger-hunt-checklist>

5 Senses Scavenger Hunt - <https://www.twinkl.co.uk/resource/au-t-3745-five-senses-scavenger-hunt-worksheet>

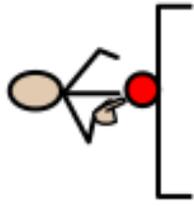
Nature Walk Scavenger Hunt - <https://www.twinkl.co.uk/resource/us2-t-168-nature-walk-scavenger-hunt->

Signs of Spring Scavenger Hunt - <https://www.twinkl.co.uk/resource/t-t-5045-spring-hunt-checklist>

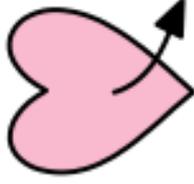
Minibeast Scavenger Hunt - <https://www.twinkl.co.uk/resource/T-T-019-Minibeast-hunt-sheet>

Spring Birds Scavenger Hunt - <https://www.twinkl.co.uk/resource/t-tp-438-spring-birds-scavenger-hunt-activity>

Earth Day Themed Scavenger Hunt - <https://www.twinkl.co.uk/resource/us-t-2549116-earth-day-nature-walk-activity-sheet>



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fun



easy



I, me



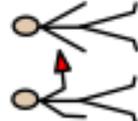
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you, your,  
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hear



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more



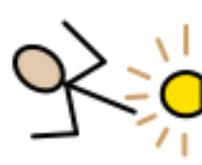
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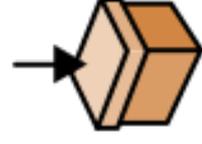
smell



find



finish



object