

Parent Guide: Environment / Nature

Observation Skill Builder, Nature Collage, Walk Like A...

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Observation Skill Builder

Use binoculars, a magnifying glass, a telescope, or just your own eyes. Whatever you have to see with - but make sure to use all your senses (not just your eyes) to observe your surroundings.

What can you observe? In nature? Your neighborhood? Your backyard? A flowerpot? In the dirt? On the surface of a leaf or rock? What hypothesis and conclusions can you make?

Supplies Needed:

- printable observation guide from website (or make your own)
- your senses!
- critical thinking
- nature guides and resources

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Nature Collage

Collect items you find while building your observation skills above. Make an art collage that illustrates your observations and the process you used to observe, hypothesize, and conclude.

Supplies Needed:

- nature items from a walk or your yard
- paper
- glue
- markers for notating steps and labeling items

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Walk Like A...

As you are out observing, pick a few things and mimic them. Hop like a bunny, sway like a tree in the wind, sing like a bird. Get creative and use environmental markers to make a challenge or a race. This can be a great lesson in listening skills as well (ex: walk like a gorilla to the next light post, then sing like a bird to the black mailbox).