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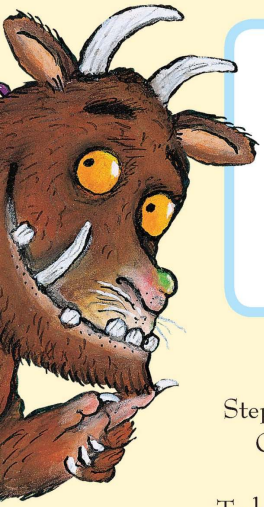
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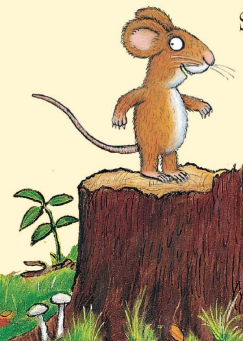
Gruffalo Explorer

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Step inside the deep dark wood and join the Gruffalo for a fun family nature trail.

To be a true Gruffalo Nature Explorer, you'll need to keep your eyes open and your ears to the ground, and don't forget to take this guide with you! It's full of games, activities and hundreds of stickers to keep you looking for and learning about nature. So run outside while the weather is warm and see how much nature you can spot!





If it's sunny outside, don't forget the sun block

And maybe even a hat!



You'll need your sticker page for this activity

Take a stroll through the deep dark wood . . .

Look at all the pictures below. How many of these can you see on your stroll? Put a Gruffalo paw sticker next to each one.

Grass



Feather



Pine cone



Snail



Moss



Butterfly



Sticks



Tree bark



Tree stump



Ants



Spider's web



Squelchy mud



Green leaf



Crunchy leaves



Bird



Squirrel



Yellow flower



Worm



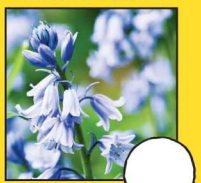
Did you find them all? Come back another day if not!

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Nest



Blue flower



Beetle



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Mushrooms



Caterpillar



Hollow tree



Colours in Nature

For every colourful thing you see, find the matching colour sticker and stick it in the matching colour box.

What can you see that's green?

We've done the first one for you

Leaf

I can see a green wart!

Bugs often use their colour as camouflage, which means we blend in with our background

You can write down what you've seen, or draw a picture. Then try counting up the stickers at the end of your walk.

What can you see that's brown?

I think I saw a small, brown mouse!

Blending in helps us hide from creatures that might want us for lunch!

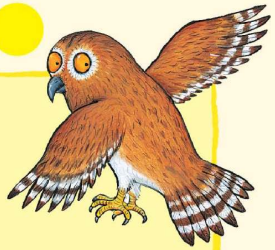
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What can you see that's red?

I see a red, bushy tail



What can you see that's yellow?



I see some yellow eyes!



Male birds are often more brightly coloured than females because they like to show off

What can you see that's blue?



I see a blue flower

If a bug is brightly coloured it's often a warning that it will taste bad!



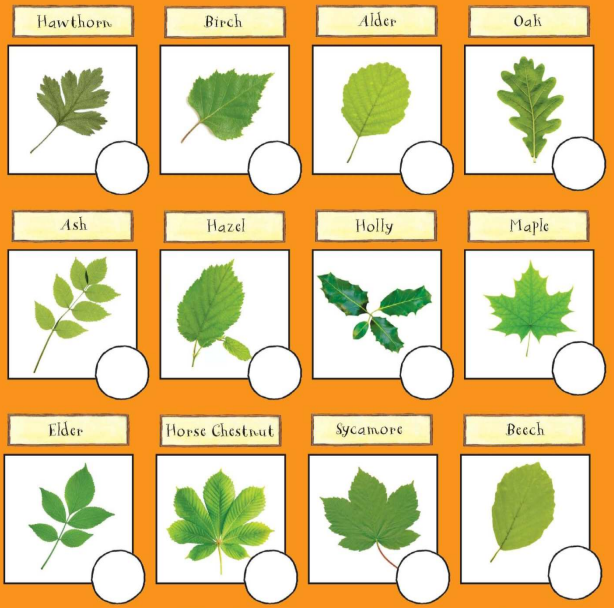
What can you see that's black?

I can see a black tongue!



Name That Tree

There are many different types of tree, each with differently shaped leaves. How many can you see? Put a special leaf sticker next to each one you spot.



How many fallen leaves can you collect on your walk? Try and collect as many different types as you can. Can you find any that match the shapes above?

Using the pictures above, can you name the tree they came from?

A Leaf Crown

All good tree spotters deserve a crown! Here's how to make one:

- You will need a paper strip, double-sided sticky tape and some lovely leaves. Make sure your paper strip is big enough to fit your head.
- Place one side of the double-sided sticky tape around the outside of the crown, and stick into position.
- Use glue or tape to fix the paper into a circular crown shape and double-check that it fits your head.
- Once you have all your leaves ready, peel back the top layer of the sticky tape and push the leaves into place.



You could also take the leaves home and make a leaf collage