



Guess What!

(For ages 6-8)



Directions:

Put six to eight items from nature into interesting boxes. Put the boxes into an old pillow case. Each box should be a different shape and size. Each box will hold a different item. Here are some ideas: snake skin, piece of bark, wasp nest, pine cone, fresh leaf, rock with an interesting design, feather, dead insect, sea shell, animal bone.



Ask your children to reach into the bag and select a



box, one at a time. Ask them to close their eyes as they reach into the pillow case. This adds mystery to the game.

When they open each box, encourage the youngsters not to identify the item, but rather give you three descriptive words following the general methodology practiced by field scientists. Find out some information about each item via the internet, but don't overload the children with too much knowledge or lecturing. Let them practice self-discovery. Then ask the children to identify the item before selecting another and if need be, tell them what it is.

