

## get the green

Kids literally get in touch with nature through these open-ended prompts that yield several “right” answers (we’ve given you a few ideas).

Head outside—park, yard, or any patch of green—and hand out the lists, collection bags, and pencils. Form two teams, or hunt together if you have young kids or a small number of people. Set a time limit and whichever team finds the most things before time’s up wins.

- Find something that’s as red as Elmo.** (maple leaf in autumn, begonia flower)
- Find something even older than Dad.** (rock)
- Find something a squirrel might bury for a winter snack.** (walnut, acorn)
- Find a bug’s lunch.** (leaf with holes or bite marks)
- Find something that smells good.** (clover)
- Find a seed that can float through the air.** (dandelion fuzz)
- Find something a bird might use to build its nest.** (animal hair ball, small twig)
- Find something that can hitch a ride on your socks or pants.** (burr)
- Find something that has seeds inside it.** (pinecone, seed pod)
- Find something that’s fuzzy.** (pussy willow)
- Find something that’s smooth.** (river stone)
- Find something that used to belong to a bird.** (feather)