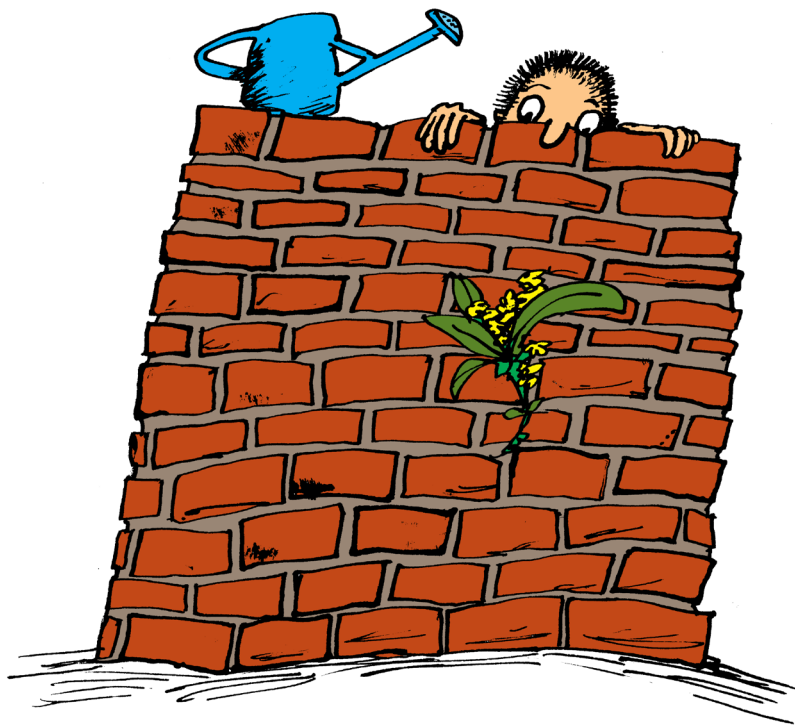


# Explore Outside the Classroom

Topic and lesson inspiration for all ages



Welcome to

# Mission:Explore

## Outside the classroom

Dear Educator,

This book will change the way your class sees the world forever. Do not go any further if you are afraid of going on adventures or of trying new things.

Inside this book you will find ten missions to do outside of your classroom. Challenge your class to complete and record each of them as best they can. You can do the missions anywhere that you can find some dirt, life and space to run around. All your class needs is this booklet, a pencil and some imagination.

By the time you have completed your unique copy of this book your class will be outside explorers, guerrilla geographers and creative adventurers.

Ready?

It's time to Mission:Explore.

## WARNING!

This book can be dangerous.

Do not:

1. not do anything
2. do anything that you don't want to do
3. do anything that may harm people, wildlife or places.



## WARNING!

Attempting to complete the missions in this book will result in exciting explorations, brushes with danger and making good and bad memories. We take no responsibility for your safety when doing missions - that's your job.

Before accepting any mission in this book make sure you have permission to carry out your plans. If there is a risk of something or someone getting unacceptably damaged try and remove the danger. Only attempt the mission if you can do it reasonably safely.



# ☐ Dig a finger-deep hole

## Mission 01

Draw a diagram of what you find in the excavated space below.





# Listen

Sit still back to back with someone and listen quietly. List all the things you can hear over three minutes. Do you both hear all the same things?

□ Mission 02

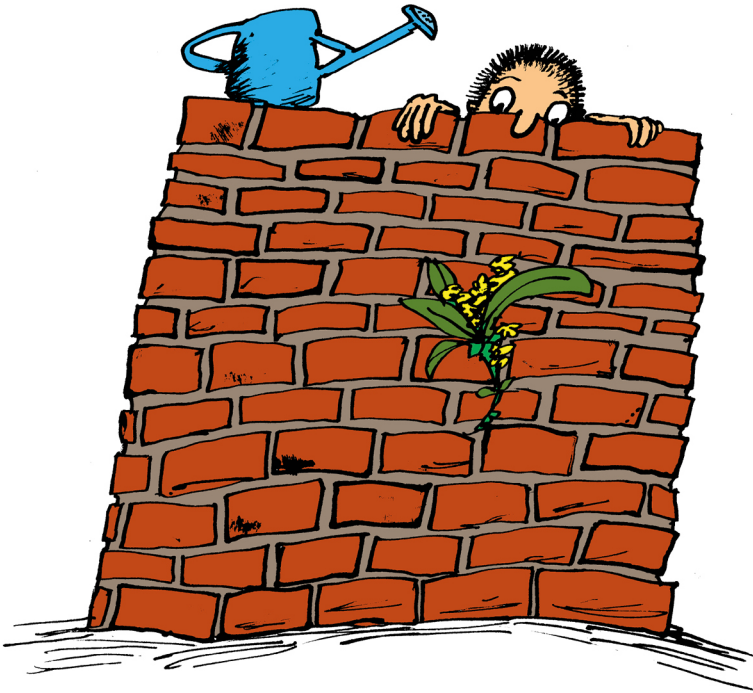




Mission 03

## Care for a weed

Write a nine word poem about why it should be protected.



# Follow an insect

□ Mission 04

What do you think it's thinking? Keep a record here.

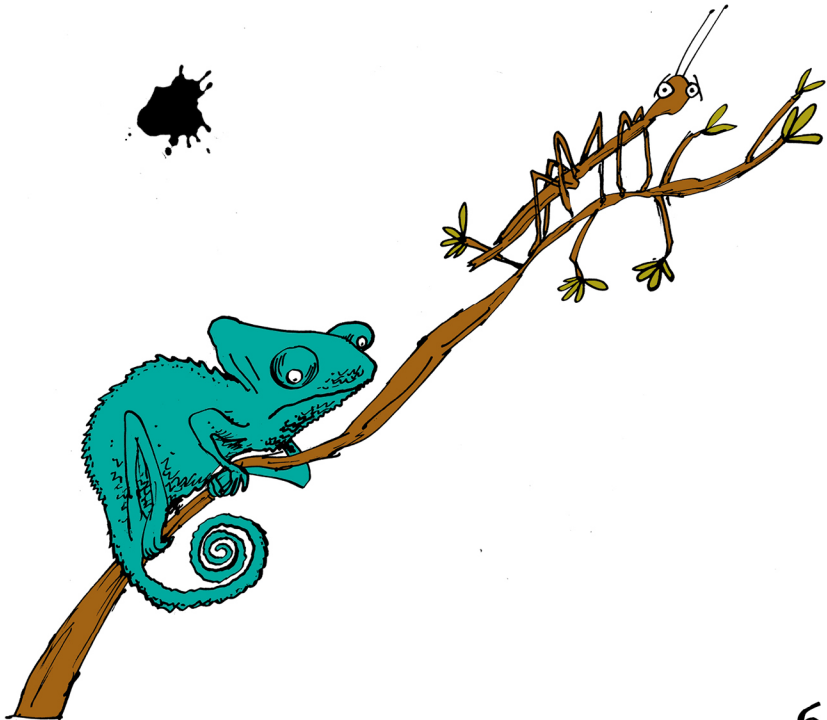
Thought 1:

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Thought 3:

Thought 4:

Thought 5:



☐ Mission 05

## Watcher bird

Get from A to B without being seen by a single bird.

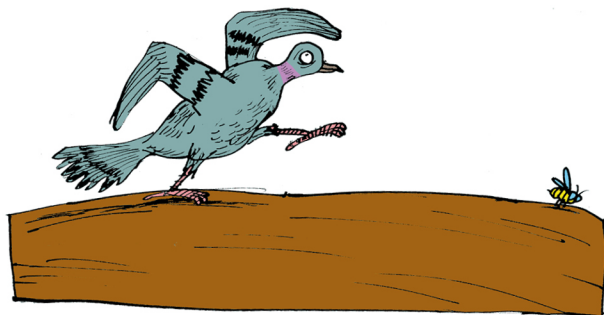
Place A:

Place B:

Rough distance:

☐ Win

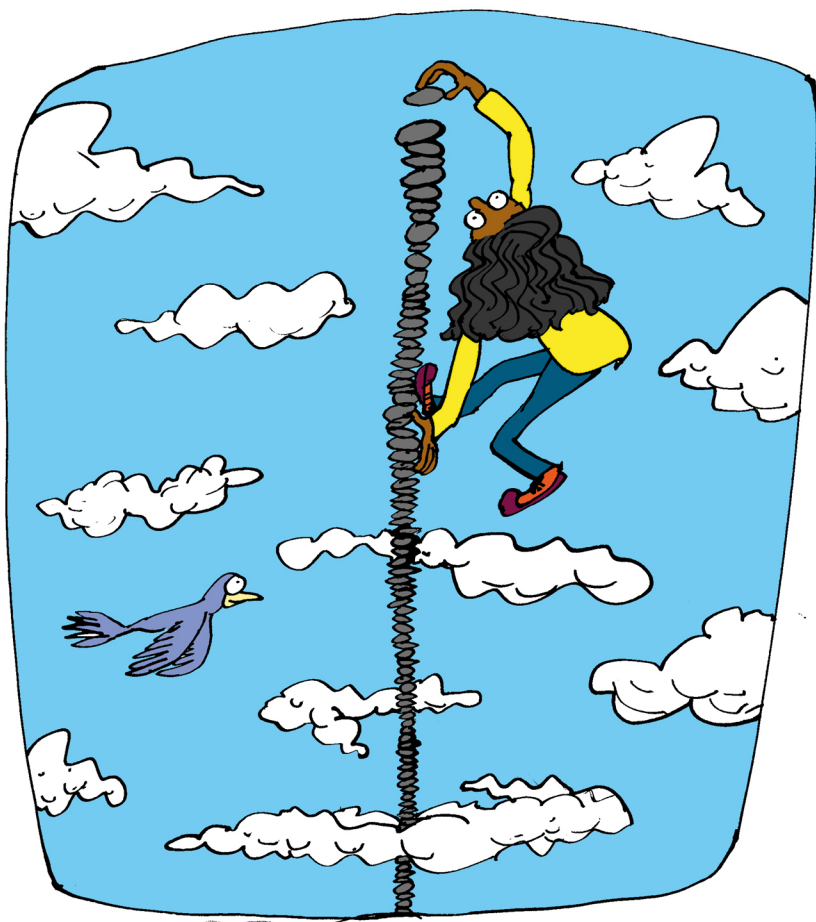
☐ Fail



# Construct a mini cairn...

... out of tiny little pebbles. How high can you make it go?

☐ Mission 06



# □ Bioblitz

## Mission 07

How many different species can you find in just five minutes?

Keep a record here.



# Make a moustache...

□ Mission 08

... out of twigs, grass or other things you can find around the place.

When your moustache is in place, give an exactly one minute talk on something unimportant without saying these “w” words:

what	where	when
why	who	was
		we



Mud works well, but don't get any in your mouth or you might end up puking all over the place or worse.

## ☐ Make your face look weird

### Mission 09

Press it against different surfaces to leave different imprints on your skin.



Don't push your face up against sharp, stinky or sick things.



## Craft a landscape

Make a mini landscape out of dirt. Include mountains, valleys and other landforms.

Sketch a satellite view of your terrain in the space below.

☐ Mission 10



# Being a good geographer

Geography is about curiosity, exploration and discovery. It gives you the power to see places in new ways, even imaginary ones. Geography also helps you to understand, make sense of the world and solve problems.

To be a geographer you should:

- ☐ Think of your own questions.
- ☐ Search for your own answers.
- ☐ Talk, watch and listen to people, animals, plants and places.
- ☐ Think about who you are and the effects of your actions.

Geographers use many different 'ings' to research, share and act on discoveries. Practice your ings to improve your ability to do missions including smelling, swimming, mapping, drawing, comparing, imagining, sharing, asking, feeling, searching, finding, observing, exploring, collecting, smelling, repeating, tasting and experimenting.

# Be a Guerrilla Geographer

You can do the missions in this book just for fun. You can also do them to become a Guerrilla (not gorilla) Geographer.

Guerrilla Geographers ask questions about places and encourage other people to ask questions too. Guerrilla Geographers believe in the importance of justice and things being fair and friendly for people, wildlife and place.

Some of the missions you do challenge people to think about things that are important to you. Other missions get you or other people thinking geographically at what may seem unusual or unexpected times and places. Of course, it's also about having loads of fun, having adventures and discovering new things.



# About Mission:Explore

Mission:Explore is a special kind of training for guerrilla geographers and experimental explorers.

Our missions are not aimed at people of any particular age, but those with a particularly curious, critical and creative frame of mind. But be warned. By doing our missions you will never see the world in the same way again.

Other books in our series include:

Mission:Explore Camping, Food, On the Road, National Parks, Water and John Muir.

Visit [MissionExplore.Net](http://MissionExplore.Net) for loads more missions, to win points and to earn badges.



## About the authors

This book has been written, designed, explored and published by a team of people from Explorer HQ. We are Helen, Daniel, Alan, Mark and Tom.

We do hope that you like it, get it really dirty and fill it with your mission reports.

## About the illustrator

Tom draws with a dip pen, often making an inky mess, which is why he called his website [www.inkymess.com](http://www.inkymess.com).



# OUTDOOR CLASSROOM DAY



Outdoor Classroom Day is a global campaign to celebrate and inspire learning and play outside the classroom, supported by Unilever's Dirt is Good brands and led by Project Dirt.

On the day schools across the world will be taking at least one class outdoors, teaching essential skills and raising awareness of the importance of play. We hope this will inspire schools everywhere to make outdoor learning and play a part of their school every day! With everyone's support, we can make sure children everywhere enjoy their childhood and have the foundations they need for the life they want to live.

**Play for today, prepared for tomorrow!**

Find out how you can get involved and access all the resources at:

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