

I Spy!

Cross-Curricular Activities

Music

- Do you know what a robin sounds like? How many other birds can you spot on your walk and what do they sound like? Ask an adult to help you find some recordings of bird sounds. Can you imitate the bird calls?
- Listen to the sound of your feet as you walk. Is it a steady sound? How can you change the sound? Can you make it faster? What about softer? Here is a tricky one, how about longer? What other ways can you change the sound?
- Listen to the steady beat of your feet on the ground. Can you make up a chant about what you spied while on your walk. Try saying your chant to the beat of your feet. Try making up a melody and singing your chant too.

I spied a red robin
hopping on the ground.
I think he's pretty funny
hopping all around.

I spied a yellow bike
speeding down the road.
I guess the rider drives so fast
to get out of the cold.



Art

- Design your own I Spy bingo card. Draw a picture of something you will look for in each square of your card. Walk around your neighbourhood and see how many things on your card you can find.
- Mona loves animals and sees lots of them on her I Spy walks. Draw and colour your favourite animal. Cut it out and put it in your window for others to see.
- Gather some items you find on a walk in your yard or neighbourhood – small sticks, stones, pine cones, leaves. Use these objects to create a picture on the ground. Can you make a tree? Can you rearrange them to make a bird? How many things can you make out of these items?

- Take a walk through your neighbourhood. Record what you see with a notepad, camera, or video. Write a story about your adventure.
- Draw pictures of what you see on a walk through your neighbourhood. Label each of the pictures.
- Write your own version of an I Spy story. Where would you go? What would you see?

Science

- **OBSERVE and RECORD like a scientist.** Write down all the living things you see on your outside walk (scientists use pictures too). Are the living things on your list plants or animals? Fill in the chart. Add more rows if you need them.

| I Spy Chart – Living Things | |
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| Plants | Animals |
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- From the items noted on the I SPY walk – stick, fallen cone or leaf, feather, robin...etc., choose one and ask someone to identify the item you chose by asking 5 questions. The guesser can ask for hints: color\texture\shape, bigger than a worm, insect...etc.
- Mona's letter to Grandpa could be a secret code or written in invisible ink. Write your own message in invisible ink.
<https://www.sciencekids.co.nz/experiments/invisibleink.html>

- Write the numbers from 1-10 on a chart or checklist. Walk around the neighbourhood and look for numbers on signs and posters. Check off each number as you find it (or keep a tally of the numbers you see).
- Take a walk in your neighbourhood and look at the trees. Estimate how many trees you see on your walk. Which one is the tallest? Which one is the shortest?

Math

You and Your World

- Mona's grandfather was a postal worker. Postal workers are still delivering the mail. They are **essential workers**. What are other examples of **essential workers**?
- Draw a map of the route you walk in your neighbourhood. On your map, draw pictures of special things you see (buildings, birds, trees, parks).

- Mona and her mother like to find trees on their I Spy walk. Do the **Tree Pose**. Be careful of your balance! Close your eyes, breath deep belly breaths, and listen to all the sounds you hear.
<https://cdn2.momjunction.com/wp-content/uploads/2015/10/Tree-Pose-1.jpg>
- Mona and her mother see lots of animals on their walk. Try to move like those animals while making the sound it makes – dog, cat, bird, skunk!
- Take an I Spy walk around your neighbourhood. Every time you find something on your I Spy list, move a different way. Start off walking then you could skip (Mona loves to skip), or gallop (Mona's mother loves to gallop). Some other ways to move are hopping, leaping, jumping and bounding. Can you think of another way to move around the neighbourhood?

Health & Wellness