

Explore and Embrace a Special and Wild Place: Activity 1

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Background information:

Space is the territory an animal needs to survive and thrive. Each type of animal requires very specific amounts and types of space.

Human populations need spaces to grow and distribute food, spaces to access clean water, and spaces to build homes to provide shelter. To remain truly healthy, we all need special spaces that provide something beyond the basics, something to enrich our lives.

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Find a Special Place

Familiarize yourself with the concept of a **habitat** and think about how the special **wild spaces** (outdoor, natural spaces) that make up your own habitat enrich your life. If you're working with classmates, meet on a video chat and brainstorm your own enjoyable times spent in nature. Or think about this on your own: where did they occur? What made these experiences special?

If it is safe to do so, take a walk around a local neighbourhood or park to find a special spot. Bring **this worksheet**, something hard to write on, and a pen/pencil to explore and observe your special spot.

If access to outdoor space is not possible, think about a special outdoor place that you have visited in the past, and fill out the worksheet based on your memory.

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After you have had an opportunity to find or remember a special space and sketch the different elements of the space, **reflect on the experience** and the special space by considering:

- How many different living things use this space?
- Do they all use the same parts of the space?
- What do they find here that helps them survive?
- How do they make your space more special?

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Create a sketch of the special place and take a picture to display for your classmates on a shared learning platform.
Share with us using #LearningInsideOut!

Extension Opportunity: sketch this place at different times of the year to imagine and visualize the seasonal change.

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