

Rainbow survey



Community
action



45 mins



Challenge
yourself



Aim of activity

How well do you know your local area? It's time to take a closer look and discover what you like and dislike about the place you live – and what changes you would like to see.

What you'll get out of it

- Explore your local area
- Take part in a survey
- Investigate the changes you'd like to see in your local area

What you'll need

- A safe outside space to take a walk
- Pencils
- Notebooks or paper, 1 between 2
- Clipboards, 1 between 2 (optional)



WE DISCOVER, WE GROW

Girlguiding



Stay safe



Remember to listen carefully to your Leader and stay with the group while you're out and about.

Pay attention to what's happening around you, and only look down at your paper when you have stopped moving and are somewhere safe.

You're going to take a walk to investigate your local area and see what you can find. An investigation like this is called a 'survey'. Before you go, you're going to make a chart to help you remember the things you see along the way.

What to do

1 Sit together as a unit. Your Leader will tell you where you're going on your survey. What do you think you might see there? Take it in turns to give some suggestions.

2 Now find a partner. You need a pencil and a notebook or clipboard and paper to share.

3 With your partner, make a list of all the things you think you might see on your survey. Write it down one side of your paper, like this:

- Birds
- Grass
- Litter
- Cars
- People
- Dogs

Try it this way

If you prefer, you can make your list by drawing pictures instead of writing.

4 It's time to set off on your survey! Take your list with you.

5 As you move around, pay attention to the things around you. When you or your partner spots something that's on your list, draw a tick next to it. Add more ticks if you see more than one. For example, if you see three trees, you should draw three ticks next to 'tree' on your list. Make sure that you and your partner both have a turn at holding the paper and adding the ticks.

6 After about 15 minutes, go back to your meeting place and find a space to sit with your partner.

7 Talk about the things you saw on your survey. Look at your list and count the ticks next to each item. What did you see most of? Is there anything you saw that you really liked or didn't like? You can draw a smiley face or sad face next to these things on your list.

8 Now, as a unit, talk about the place you've surveyed.

- What did you like?
- What didn't you like?
- What do you want more of?
- What do you want less of?
- How could you help to make the area even better?