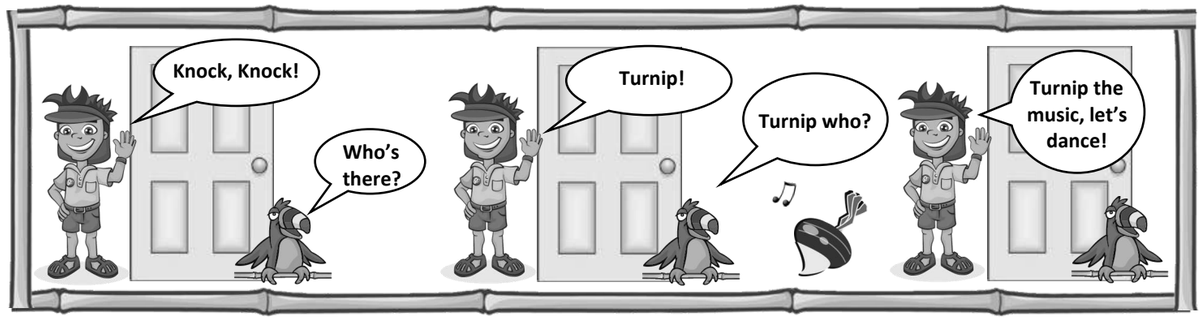

Orangutan Update

The Orangutan Project (TOP) is the world's foremost not-for-profit organisation, supporting orangutan conservation and rainforest protection in order to save the two orangutan species from extinction. Tabatinga is proud to partner with TOP in their challenge. Each month we will introduce a new orangutan orphan who lives in their Care Centre in remote Borneo.

Latest news from Meki

Meki is in excellent health and thankfully has fully recovered from malaria that she had last year. She is enjoying life on Kaja Island.
Every morning and afternoon, washed fruits and vegetables are delivered to the various feeding platforms on the islands for the orangutans. Meki is always easy to spot at the feeding platforms since she loves her food. She usually gathers up as much as possible!
Meki has sound social skills and has befriended almost every orangutan on the island. She rarely engages in conflict with others. She continues to be excellent at foraging for wild foods including, fruits, leaves, flowers and termites. Meki is a strong candidate for future release.

You can help too by adopting your own infant orangutan. Ask mum or dad to help and check out www.orangutan.org.au. You can make a difference!

PUZZLE ANSWERS:

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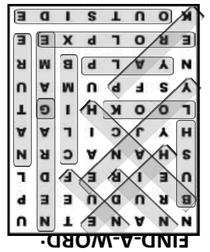
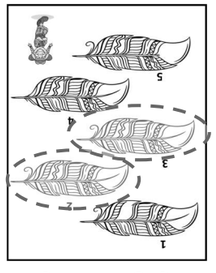


SECRET PHRASE:
Nature play is fun

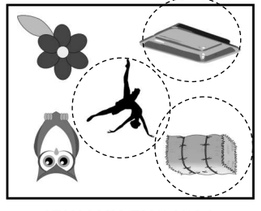
PICTURE MATCH:



SPOT THE DIFFERENCE:

UNSCRAMBLE:
BEACH

PICTURE RHYME:



Hay, tray, ballet

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JUNIOR RANGER NEWS

ADVENTURES OF RANGER TABATHA AND RANGER KAI

Hello Junior Rangers,

'Nature Play Week' occurs in April. This special week encourages kids to get into nature. It is also about creating a sense of wonder. Let's go and play outside!

Ranger Tabatha

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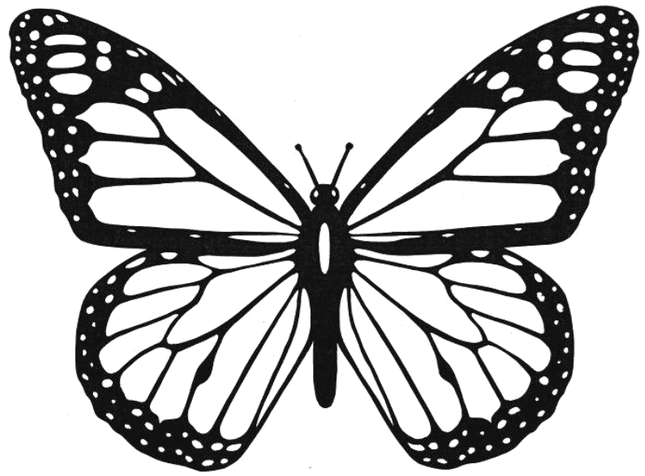

Joke Corner

Why shouldn't you tell a secret in a garden?
Because the potatoes have eyes and the corn has ears!

What is brown and runs around the garden?
A fence!

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TRIVIA & FUN

What did the big flower say to the little flower?

What's up, Bud!

Hi there !

Nature play encourages kids and parents to see the natural environment as a place to enjoy, play, imagine, relax and explore. It can be as simple as a visit to the local park where you can roam free. You might also like to explore your own backyard.

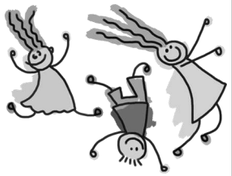
14-25 April 2021
Nature Play Week

NATURE PLAY

DID YOU KNOW?

Facts about NATURE PLAY

Nature play is any activity that gets children active or thinking actively outside.

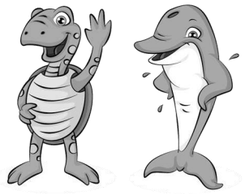


Playing in nature helps to reduce stress in children.

Nature play improves all aspects of child development: physical, cognitive, social and emotional.

Playing outdoors helps to develop an appreciation for the natural environment.

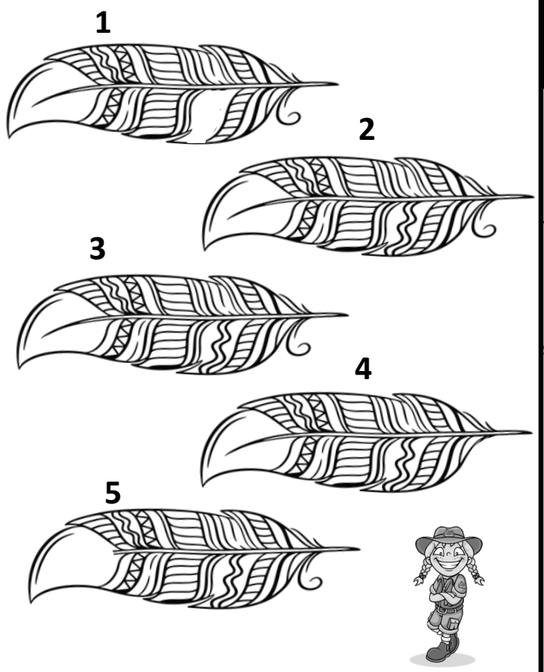
Playing outdoors nurtures the imagination and creativity!



RANGERS,
Here are some more puzzles for you to complete!

PICTURE MATCH

Which two pictures are EXACTLY the SAME? Can you match a pair?



Colour-by-Number

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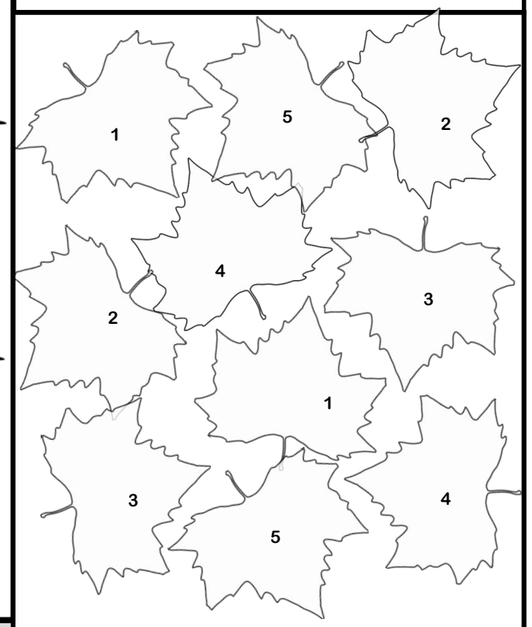
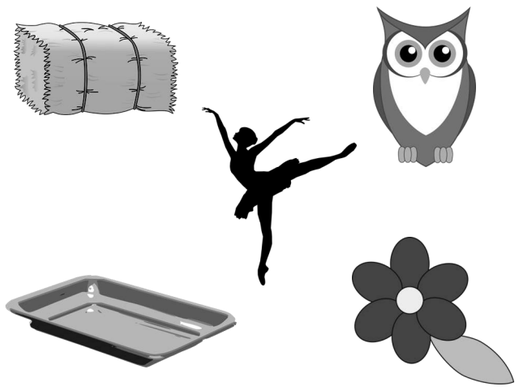


PICTURE RHYMES

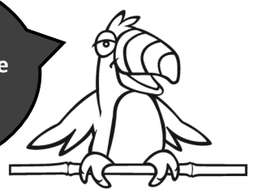
Circle the pictures which sound like

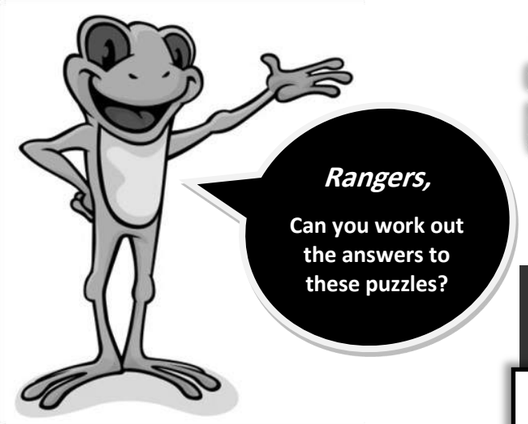
PLAY



1 = BROWN
2 = RED
3 = ORANGE
4 = YELLOW
5 = GREEN

The best part about playing outside is that it is FUN!





PUZZLE PAGES
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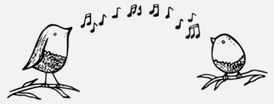
FIND-A-WORD

Find all the NATURE PLAY words listed below and circle them.
The leftover letters spell out a secret PHRASE. Careful — some words might be backwards or diagonal!

N	N	A	N	E	T	N	U
B	R	U	D	U	E	E	P
U	E	I	R	E	F	D	L
S	H	A	N	A	C	R	N
H	Y	J	C	I	L	A	A
L	O	O	K	H	I	G	T
Y	S	F	P	U	M	A	U
N	Y	A	L	P	B	M	R
E	R	O	L	P	X	E	E
K	O	U	T	S	I	D	E

Beach
Bush
Climb
Enjoy
Explore
Fun
Game
Garden
Hide
Look
Nature
Outside
Park
Play
Run



SECRET PHRASE:

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SPOT THE DIFFERENCE

Find 10 differences between these pictures.

UNSCRAMBLE

Unscramble the letters to find an outdoor place where you can play. The picture gives you a clue.

E B H C A

SPECIAL WORD:

_ _ _ _ _

Puzzle answers are on page 8.

The rangers are playing outside in nature.
Colour in the picture.

CAN YOU COLOUR ME IN?

We'd love to see your coloured in picture. Ask an adult to help scan and upload your picture to our Facebook site:
www.facebook.com/Tabatinga

STORY CORNER

Where is Bronte?

Autumn leaves twirled and swirled from the trees. Ranger Tabatha and Blink stood and watched them fall.

"So many colours!" Tabatha said. "Red, brown, yellow, orange."

Blink pointed at the ground. "There are leaves everywhere! They make a colourful carpet over the rainforest floor."

Tabatha marched around a nearby tree. *Crunch! Crunch! Crunch!* The leaves made a wonderful sound beneath her feet.

Blink hopped over to Tabatha. *Crunch! Crunch! Crunch!* The leaves made a wonderful sound beneath his feet too.

"We should rake them all up," Blink suggested

Tabatha nodded. "Good idea. We'll ask the other rangers to help us."

They crunched their way back to the treehouse where they gathered rakes. Snapper, Toco and Bronte fetched rakes too.

"We should have a competition to see who can make the biggest pile of leaves," Toco said with a twinkle in his eye.

"That sounds fun!" Snapper held his rake ready.

Blink tapped his watch. "The biggest pile of leaves each of us can make in twenty minutes. I'll time it."

"Oh, dear!" Bronte said. "I don't know if I am very good at raking leaves."

"Just do the best you can." Tabatha smiled at Bronte. "I am sure you will be very good at raking up leaves."

The rangers all stood ready with their rakes in hand.

Blink called out, "Ready! Set! Rake!"

Crunch! Crunch! Crunch! Crinkle! Rustle! Crunch!

Leaves twirled and swirled about as each ranger raked the ground as quickly as they could. Each of them created their own pile of leaves, and these began to get bigger and bigger.

"I'm going to win!" Snapper muttered to himself.

He raked the ground hard and fast. He looked out the corner of his eye and noticed that his pile of leaves was the biggest so far. But Tabatha's pile wasn't far behind.

Twenty minutes passed quickly. "Put down your rakes!" Blink called.

Snapper dropped his rake, as did Toco, Blink and Tabatha.

But where was Bronte? Her rake was already lying on the ground. But there was no sign of Bronte herself.

Everyone had been so busy raking up leaves, they hadn't noticed that Bronte had disappeared.

"When did she disappear?" said Toco.

But nobody knew.

"Bronte! Bronte!" The rangers began to call her name.

But there was no answer. Tabatha, Toco, Blink and Snapper looked about in dismay. Where was their friend?

Everyone could see that Snapper's pile of leaves was the biggest out of all of them. But now that Bronte was missing, nobody felt in the mood to continue with the competition.

"Bronte! Bronte!" They called her name a few more times, but there was still no answer. The rangers fell silent as they wondered what they should do.

Rustle! Rustle! Rustle!

"Did you hear that?" Blink asked the others.

The sound came again. *Rustle! Rustle! Rustle!* It seemed to be coming from Snapper's pile of leaves.

The rangers gathered around, and in one particular spot, they noticed that the leaves were moving. It was as if something, or someone, was buried beneath the leaves!

Snapper reached over and pushed the autumn leaves apart.

To everyone's astonishment, out jumped Bronte!

She darted into the air with a cross expression on her face. She fluttered about for a moment and then came to land on the ground.

"You were all raking so hard and fast, and I am so little and light. There were so many leaves about, and I am not much bigger than a leaf; I got swept away and buried!

"We are so sorry!" Tabatha looked concerned. "Are you okay?"

Bronte didn't answer for a moment. Then she started to smile. "At first, it was a shock! But then I realised that falling into a pile of autumn leaves is actually quite fun! You should all try it!"

Everyone began to run and jump into the piles of leaves. And it *was* fun! Autumn leaves whirled everywhere, and soon the ground was once more covered in a colourful carpet.

"We have made a mess!" Tabatha said.

Snapper picked up his rake. "We'll just have to rake up the leaves again."

"This time, I will watch," Bronte said, "and I will be the judge of the biggest pile of leaves." She flew onto a high branch in a nearby tree.

The other rangers raked the ground hard and fast, and soon there were big piles of leaves again.

But the biggest pile of all once more belonged to Snapper. Bronte declared him the winner, and Snapper grinned from ear to ear.