

Counting and Observing Trees



Read this out loud with your child, then do the activity together.

Think of a place near your home where there are trees. This should be a place where there are trees, but not too many trees to count. Your street, block, yard, or neighborhood green space might be good choices. Without looking, estimate (make a smart guess about) how many trees there are. Ask everyone in your family to guess the number of trees.

_____ thinks there are _____ trees.

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Next, go outside together and count the trees. Look at the kinds of trees you find.

Compare the bark, the leaves, and the shapes of the trees. Talk to your child about what you see. Below are questions you might ask:

- How many trees did you find?
- How many different kinds of leaves did you find?
- Do you find any animals living in the trees?
- What do you find around the trees?

Write the number of trees in the box below:

Looking Closely



Go outside in your yard or neighborhood and find as many different types of leaves, acorns, buds and pinecones as you can.

Use your magnifying glass to observe them up close.

Discuss what you see with your child. What do you notice? What questions do you have? What is interesting about the object?

Draw a picture of what you have found and write any words to describe them in the box below.

A large, empty rectangular box with a thin green border, occupying the central portion of the page. It is intended for a child to draw a picture of what they found and write any words to describe it.

What else could you look at closely with your magnifying glass? Ants and other bugs may look very interesting up close!