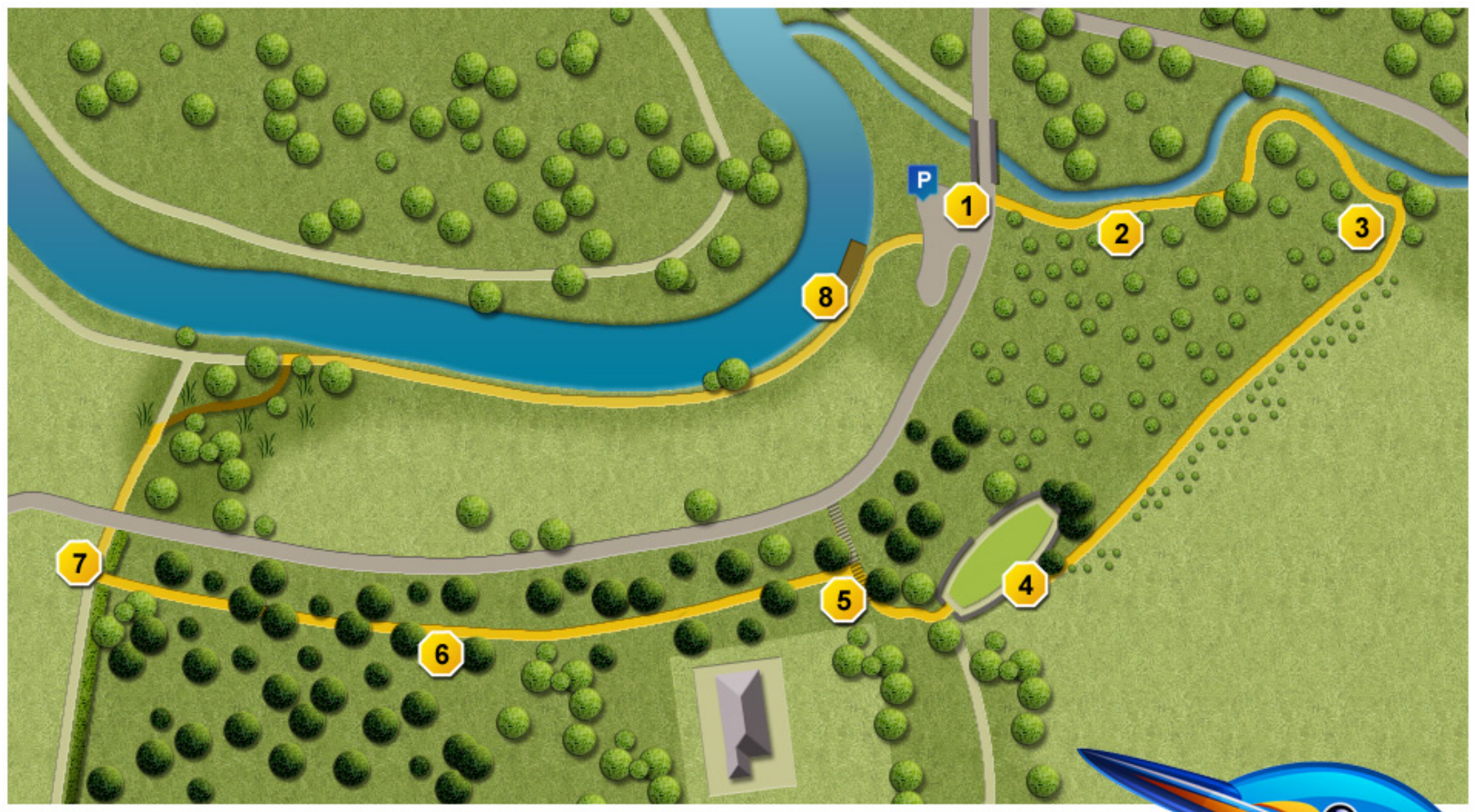


# Minnowburn Trail Activity Pack







# Minnowburn Bridge

This old stone bridge is over 200 years old. Can you find the features below?



What do you think this is?



Can you find this graffiti? What does it say?



Can you find this? Why do you think there's no water?





# River 'Who am I' ?

Can you sketch the bridge and label any interesting features?

River 'who am I' ?

I am a bird. I have brightly coloured feathers. My back is blue and my tummy is orange. I love to eat fish.

I am a \_ \_ \_ \_ \_



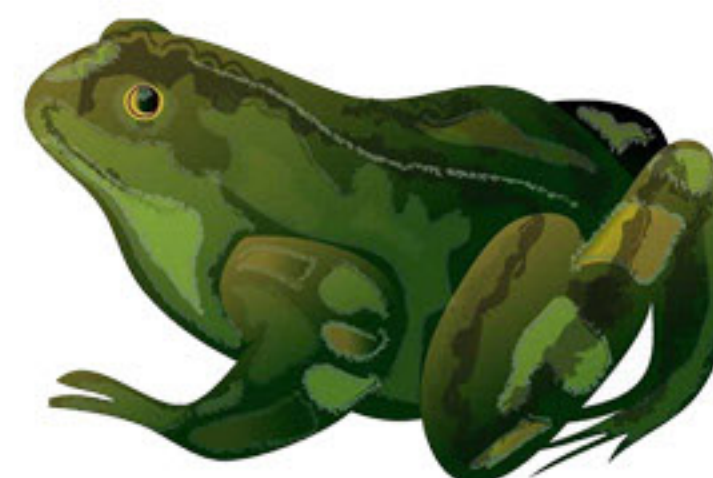
I am an amphibian. I live part of my life underwater. When I grow into an adult I have legs and live on land. I like to jump and make a croaking sound.

I am a \_ \_ \_ \_ \_



I am a mammal. I have waterproof fur and webbed feet. I love to play and my favourite food is fish

I am an \_ \_ \_ \_ \_







# The "Teenage" Woodland *Laganscape*



Below the trees you can find lots of rotten leaves. This is called leaf litter. It is a fantastic habitat for minibeasts. Using a stick can you poke about in the leaf litter and see how many different types of minibeast you can find?



Fill in the table below with your results

Minibeast	Drawing	Tally count	Total
Snail			
Ladybird			
Woodlouse			
Spider			
Millipede			
Centipede			
Worm			
Ant			
Beetle			
Fly			

Leg

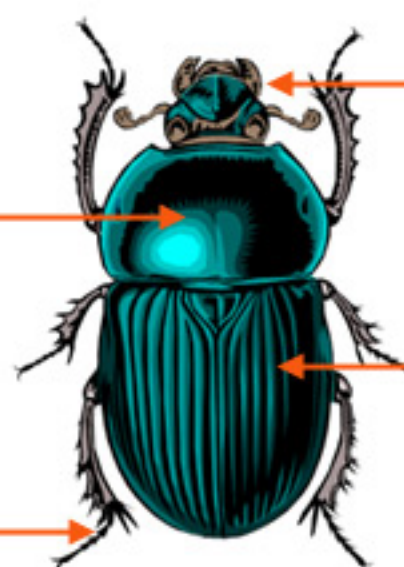
Abdomen

Head

Thorax/body



Can you label the parts of this insect using the words in the box?







# Discovering Trees

Using your tree identification chart, can you correctly identify 2 different trees? Draw the leaves or buds in the boxes below and label them.



## Meet a tree

Choose a tree in the woodland.

Guess how old it is? \_\_\_\_\_

Now estimate how old the tree is by measuring the girth/circumference, then divide that number by 2.

*This is because a tree grows around 2cm in circumference every year.*

Girth of the tree \_\_\_\_\_ cm

Age of the tree is (Girth \_\_\_\_\_ cm  $\div$  2 = \_\_\_\_\_ cm)



# Leaves



Alder

☐


Ash

☐


Beech

☐


Birch

☐


Elder

☐


Hawthorne

☐


Holly

☐


Horse Chestnut

☐


Ivy

☐


Lime

☐


Maple

☐


Oak

☐


Hazel

☐


Rowan

☐


Larch

☐


Sycamore

☐




# Twigs and buds

Alder

☐

Ash

☐

Beech

☐

Birch

☐

Blackthorn

☐

Elder

☐

Hawthorn

☐

Hazel

☐

Horse Chestnut

☐

Larch

☐

Lime

☐

Oak

☐

Rowan

☐

Sycamore

☐

Maple

☐





# Terrace Hill

You are now standing in the old rose garden that was built by Ned Robinson who was a famous linen merchant. Can you see his big house through the fence?



What evidence can you find to suggest this was once a beautiful garden?



Can you find this object and suggest what it might have been used for?

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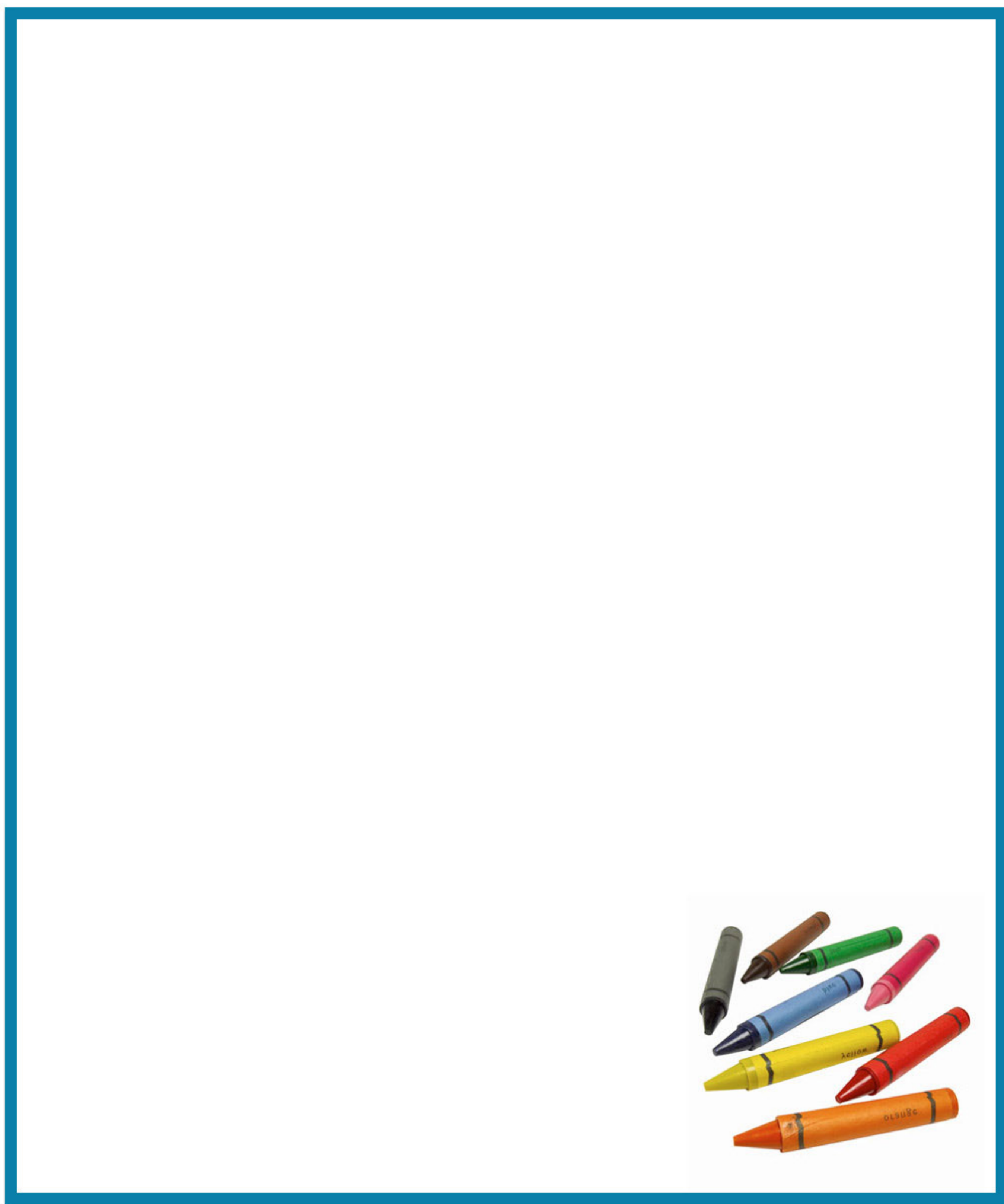




# The Belfast Hills

How many hills can you see \_\_\_\_\_?

Using the space below sketch the view from the garden.







# Discovering the Natural World

Find a space on your own, sit down and in the circles below make a note of the colours, shapes and sounds you find.

Colours

Shapes

Sounds



Now, discuss and compare what you have observed with the rest of your class.





## Freddie's Steps

These steps were built by Frederick Russell a long time ago. Can you count how many there are?



## Mature woodland

The trees in part of the forest are much older than the ones we've seen. Can you think of all the things that might live here?



Can you draw this forest food chain in the right order in the box below?



Tree



Bird



Sun



Caterpillar







# Looking for Evidence

As you walk through the woodland tick the items below that you can find.



☐ Bird nest



☐ Beech leaf



☐ Red/orange/  
brown leaf



☐ Bluebell



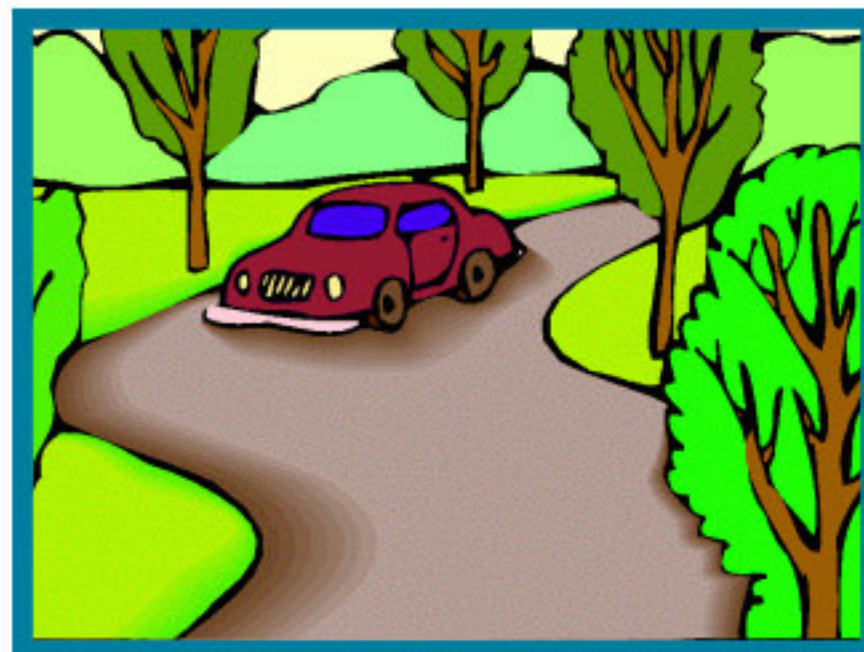
☐ Pine cone



☐ Magpie



☐ Conifer tree



☐ Road



☐ Insect





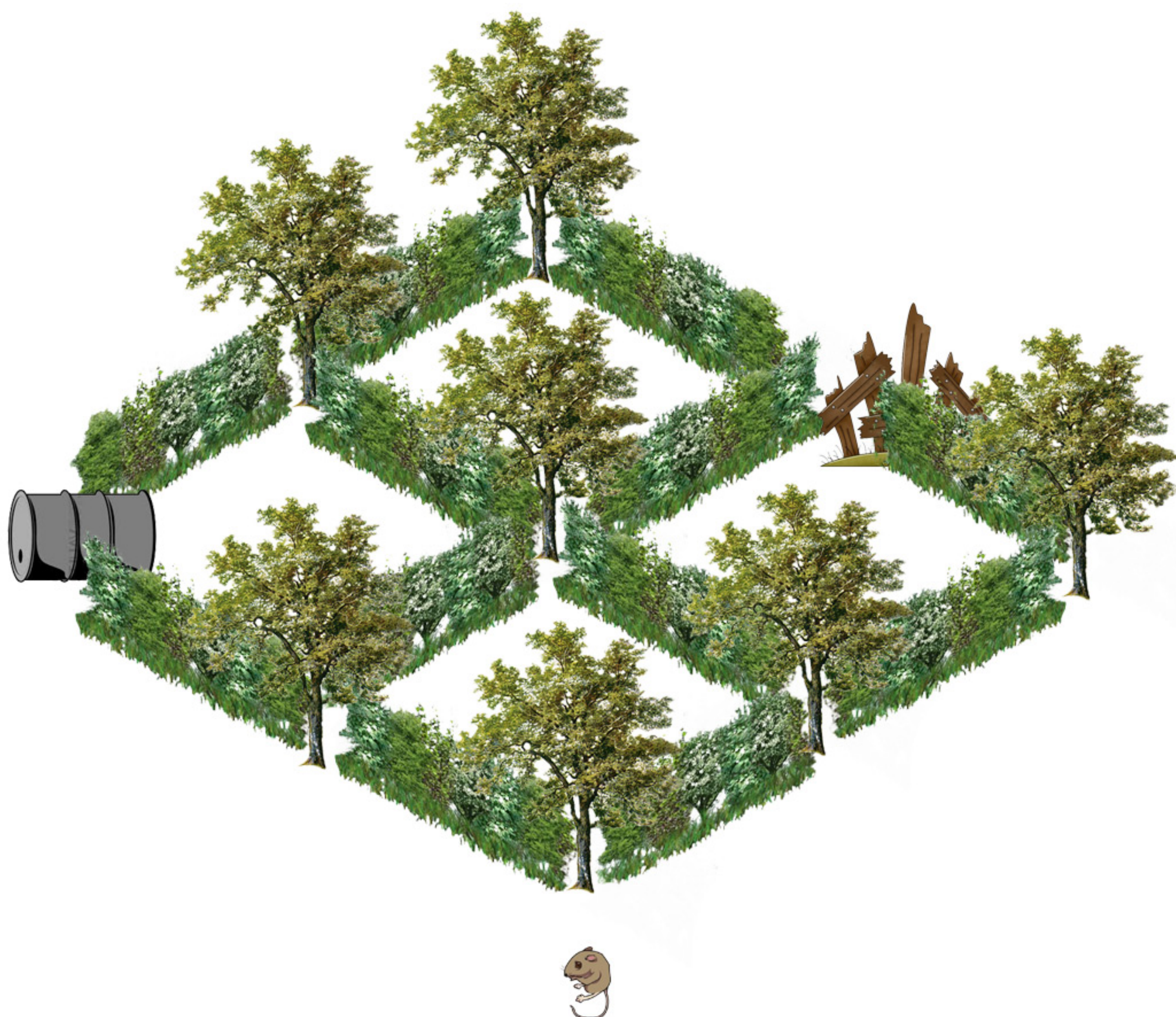
# Discovering Hedgerows

Hedges are really important for wildlife. They provide food and shelter for small mammals, birds and minibeasts. They are also 'wildlife corridors' and allow creatures to move safely from one habitat to another.



Maisy mouse needs to find her way back to her nest. Can you find 5 different ways she can travel back to her nest?

NEST







# Animal Tracks

As you walk along the path you may see signs that birds and animals have been here. Look for tracks in the mud.



1



2



3



4



5



6



From the pictures below can you label each footprint?



Squirrel



Fox



Dog



Heron



Badger



Duck





# The River Lagan

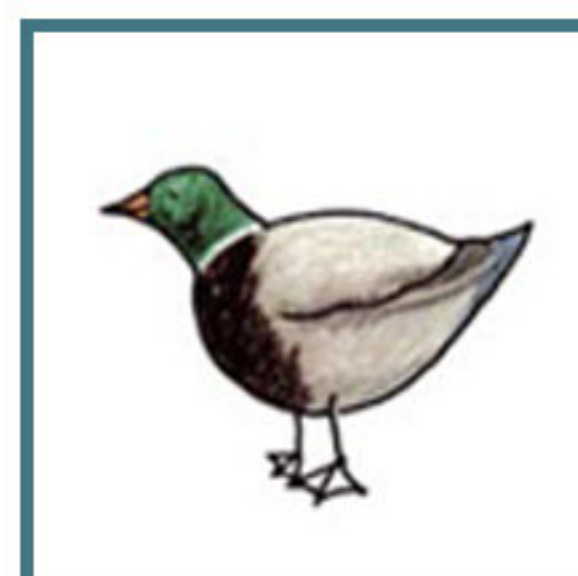
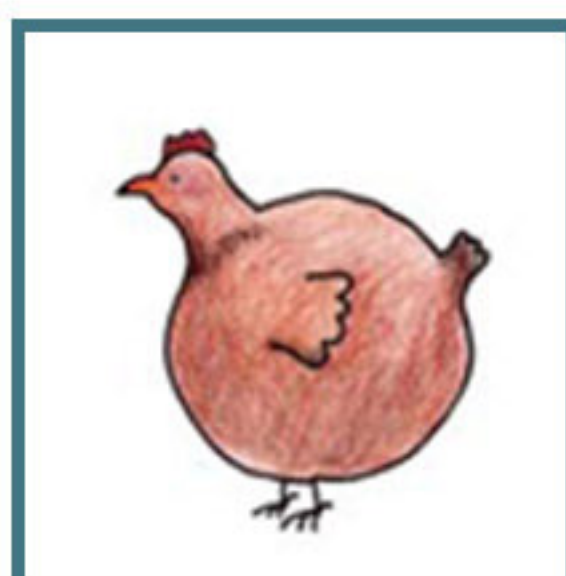
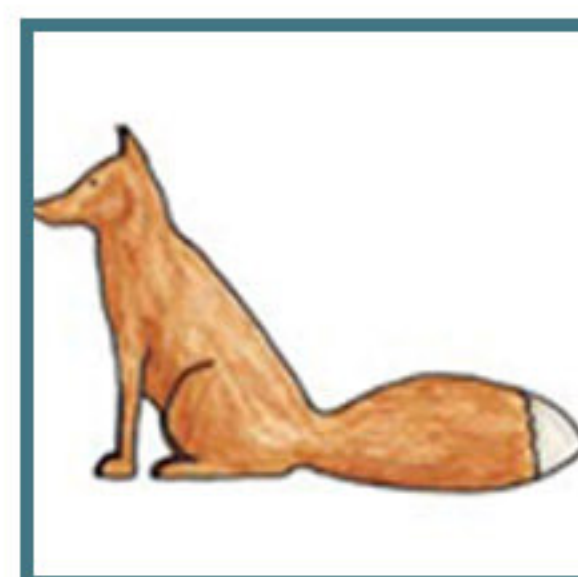
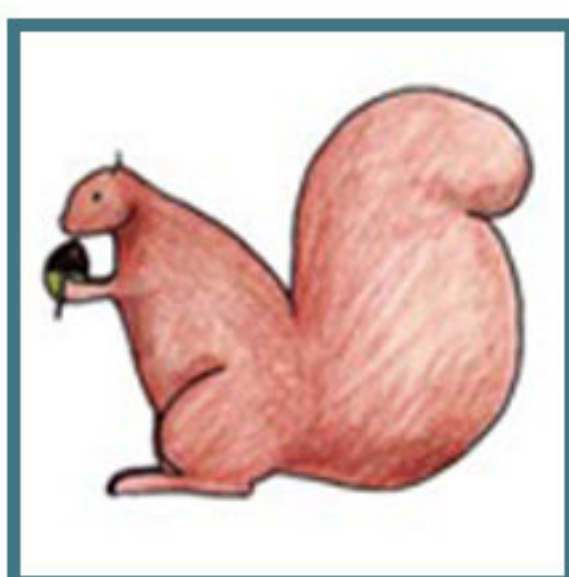
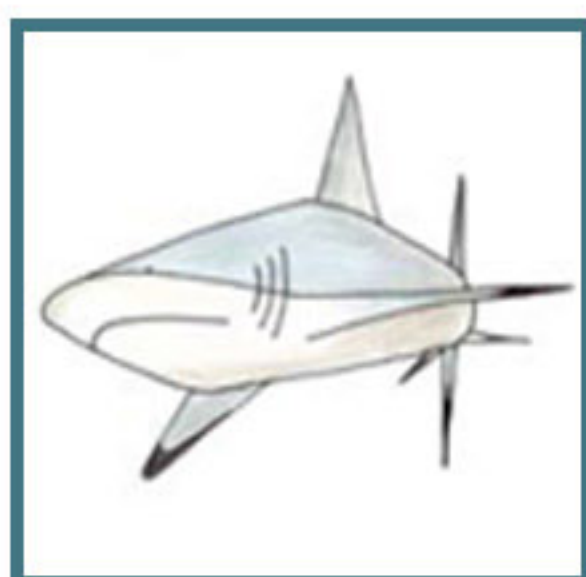
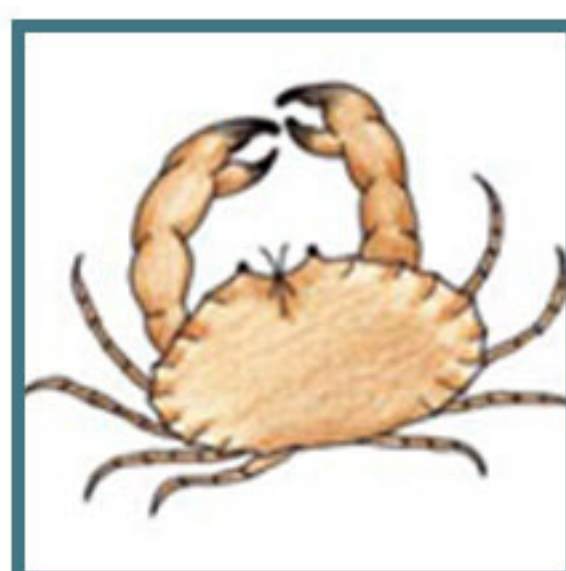
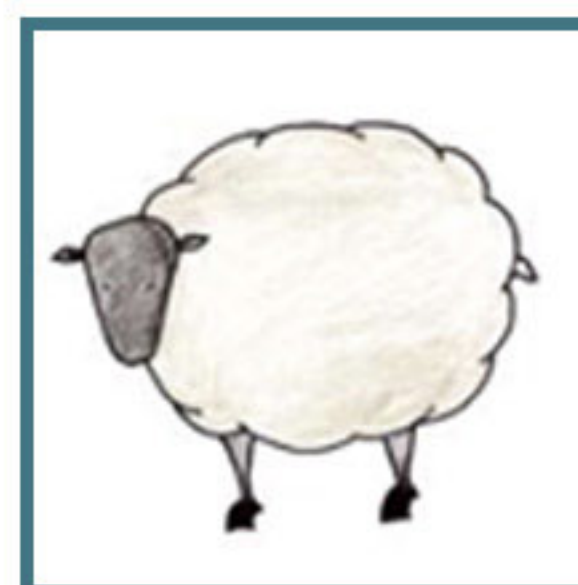
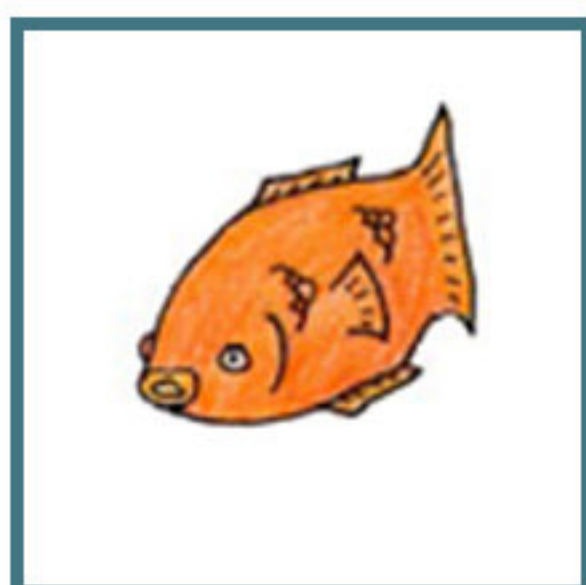
From the path you can see the River Lagan. Think about what kind of animals would live in or on the river.



Can you put a **circle** around creatures you would find in a river?

Can you put a **square** around creatures that live in the woods?

Can you put a **triangle** around creatures that live at the beach?





# River birds



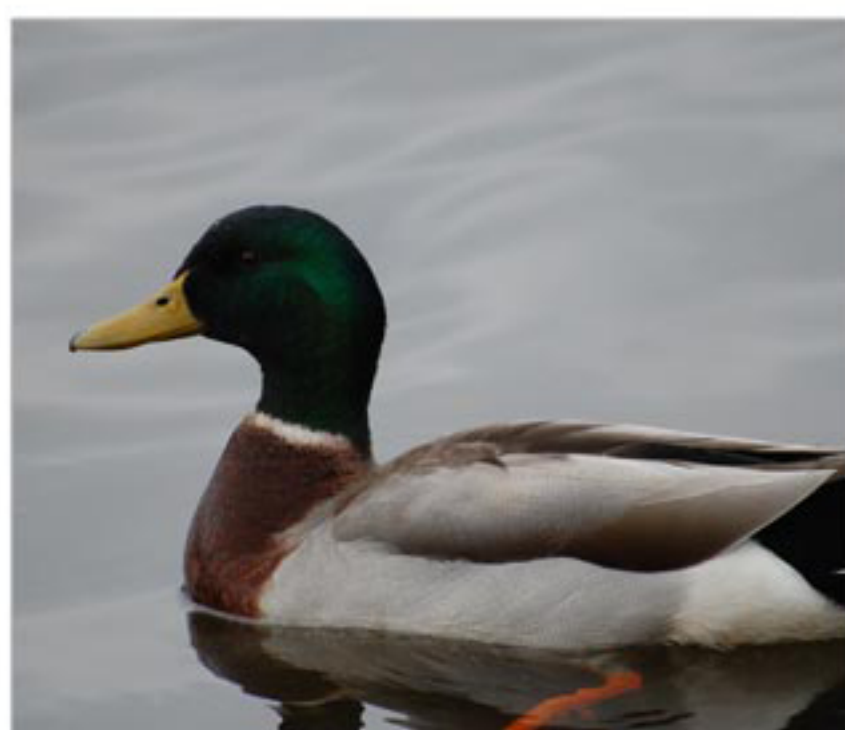
Heron



Little grebe



Moorhen



Mallard



Kingfisher



Pochard



Tufted duck



Cormorant



Black-headed gull



Coot



Dipper



Mute swan

