

# Hello Trees Resource Sheet

## What to look for outdoors all year

### Using a Magnifying Glass



Have a magnifying glass in your hand!



Who needs a magnifying glass when you can take a photo and enlarge it?



All I can say is that, in my experience, a youngster catching sight of a magnifying glass, makes straight for it and puts it to their eye.



Also, it is usually possible for each child to have a magnifying glass to use.

Each is in control.

Each can look for themselves at the bit that interests them.



Did I say that a child puts the magnifying glass to their eye?

It seems to be instinctive.



But it is not the way to magnify what you want to look at more closely.

#### Here is how to use a magnifying glass to best effect:

Step 1: put in front of you the object you want to magnify.

Step 2: put the magnifying glass over it.

Step 3: keep the object still and slowly move the magnifying glass towards your eye.

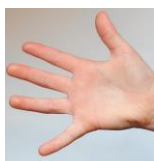
Step 4: keep your head and the object still and slowly move the magnifying glass backwards and forwards between object and eye until you find the position of maximum clarity.



Practice, looking at the palm of your hand.



Remember to keep your hand and your eye still.



Step 1: Hand out.

Step 2: Glass on hand.

Step 3: Glass to eye.



Step 4: Glass to best position between hand and eye.



You can discover all sorts of things with a magnifying glass.

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Here are some of the things that I discovered.



Larch twigs have exquisite markings.



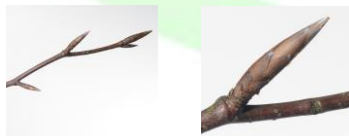
The anthers of yellow-centred horsechestnut flowers are full of pollen, but the anthers of red-centred horsechestnut flowers are empty.



Female oak flowers are more than a tiny velvety speck.



Pointy beech buds are protected by a layer of tough scales.



What will you look at more closely with your magnifying glass?

I wonder what will you discover?

We would love to hear how you get on. [Let us know.](#)



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