



Lesson aim

- I know what a minibeast is.
- I can find different minibeasts.



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What are minibeasts?

Watch the video below:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/z6882hv/articles/z9fkwmn>



Now scroll down and play the quiz.



What are minibeasts? Quiz

Do you know all about minibeasts? Take this quiz and find out!

Play



What are minibeasts?

Minibeasts. Minibeasts are 'small creatures', like worms, snails, insects and spiders. The scientific term for them is 'invertebrates' – a creature without a backbone.



Your task

Go into your garden or go for a walk and see how many minibeasts you can find.



Where to find minibeasts

Minibeasts live in all sorts of habitats. Many prefer dark, damp spots in gardens and woods, so this is a good place to start your hunt. Encourage children to use their best detective skills to track creatures down:

- Peek under large stones and logs to find woodlouse and millipedes.
- Peer into the cracks in tree bark and deadwood to find beetles and spiders.
- Poke your nose into long grass to see ants and grasshoppers.
- Look closely at leaves to discover caterpillars and ladybirds.
- Keep your eyes peeled after rain - can you spot slugs, snails and worms.

Lots of creepy crawlies live in trees and shrubs. Lay a piece of white cloth, such as an old sheet or pillow case, under a tree or bush and gently shake the branches. You'll be surprised how many tiny creatures fall out.

Remember - bugs are very tiny, so be careful if you pick them up and always put them back where you found them.

Mini-beast	Where it was found	How many

You could show how many you find by doing a tally.



We would love to see a picture of your minibeasts hunt.

You could either email it to us or upload it on Purple Mash.

