

Nature Solve & Search Instructions

Notes for Educators:

These Nature Solve & Search activities are designed to reinforce knowledge of phonics patterns while having fun exploring in nature!

When using the CVC Solve & Search cards, there are three different cards targeting beginning, medial or ending sounds. The words and images on each card are the same, with different letters blanked out. This allows educators to easily differentiate the activity to support skill growth for every student. It also allows educators to revisit the activity multiple times throughout the year as the instructional focus shifts from beginning to ending to medial sounds.

Instructions for Use:

- Students may complete these tasks as individuals or in small groups
- Students first solve for the missing letter(s) in each word on the card
- After all words have been solved, students search in nature for the identified items and check off as many as they can find! Prepare students beforehand that they may not find all items as it depends on the season and the specific natural area.
- Once complete, invite all students to join you in an outdoor sharing circle. First review all words orally together. Have students identify the missing phonics pattern and the corresponding letter name(s) for each blank.
- Then have students share how many of the items on the card they found in nature.
- If time allows, take a walk as a class and have students point out where they found the items on the Solve & Search card.
- **Have fun taking literacy learning outdoors!**