

INTERVIEW *with* NATURE

A Sharing Nature Activity by Joseph Cornell

Choose a rock, a plant, an animal, or a natural feature that has an interesting story to tell. Try to learn about your choice in as many different ways as possible. Imagine what its life might be like and the kinds of life experiences it might have had. While interviewing your subject and writing answers to your questions, try to see life from its point of view.

How to Play:

Select the category that matches your subject, then ask and answer the questions that most apply. Feel free to make up your own questions and conversations.

ROCK, NATURAL FEATURE, OR PLANT

- How old are you?
- Where did you come from?
- Have you always been the size you are now?
- What is it like living in this particular place?
- What events have you seen in your life?
- Who comes to visit you?
- How do you benefit others?
- How do others help you?
- Is there something special you would like to tell me?

ANIMAL

Look for an animal that's easy to observe. It might be an insect, lizard, or ground squirrel. Imagine yourself becoming the animal. Try not to disturb or frighten it.

Ask and answer some of the questions below:

- What are you doing now?
- Where do you live?
- What do you eat, and how do you find your food?
- How does your life benefit others?
- How do others help you?
- What are the things you like most about your life?
- Do you ever travel to other places?
- What would you like to tell others about yourself?

