



## Nature's Orchestra

This is a creative activity that encourages creative musical play with nature. Students participate in a nature hunt and collect a range of materials that could be used as a musical instrument. Encourage students to collect sticks, rocks, stones, dry branches, twigs, blades of grass, small branches with leaves and anything else they believe would be suitable.

Each student develops one instrument that must be made entirely from natural materials. Each instrument needs to make a distinctive sound. You can clap with sticks and stones, make a drum from a larger piece of wood, rustle blades of grass or leaves or blow through leaves (eg: gum leaf whistle)

Have students take turns to introduce their instrument to the group. Select a conductor and sort the orchestra into groups based on similar sounds.

The conductor uses a stick to conduct rhythm and volume. Try different songs and work to develop a range of musical compositions.

Record sound using a phone or ipad.

Variation: Divide students into smaller teams and have them develop their own music. Perform for the rest of the class at the end of the session.

