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EXPLORER ESSENTIALS

You don't need to trek to the South Pole or hack your way through a rainforest to explore our wonderful world. Your own backyard is just waiting to be discovered.

All explorers know how important it is to make plans. Here's your backyard explorer checklist. Add any extra personal expedition essentials.

Backyard Explorer book	little bags for specimens
adult mission-base commander	fellow explorers
suitable clothes	watch or phone for timekeeping
shoes for your terrain	
emergency snacks	
Pens and Pencils	

A backpack is great for your expedition equipment and keeping hands free for investigation.

Steer clear of lions, tigers, hippos, suspicious dogs, helpful strangers, private property, busy roads, crocodile-infested swamps, and meteorites.

Mission-base commander's special orders:

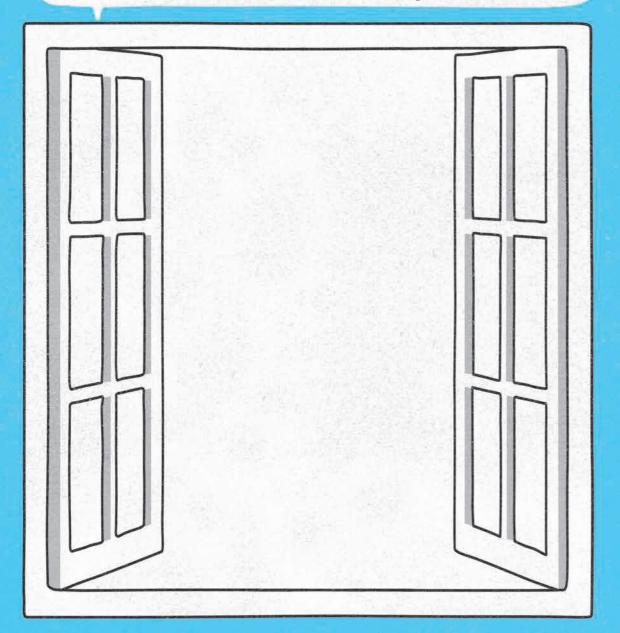
YOUR VIEW

Start your mission as a backyard explorer by looking out and looking ahead!

LOOK OUT

Fill this space with the view from your window. It could be the window of your room or another room in your home.

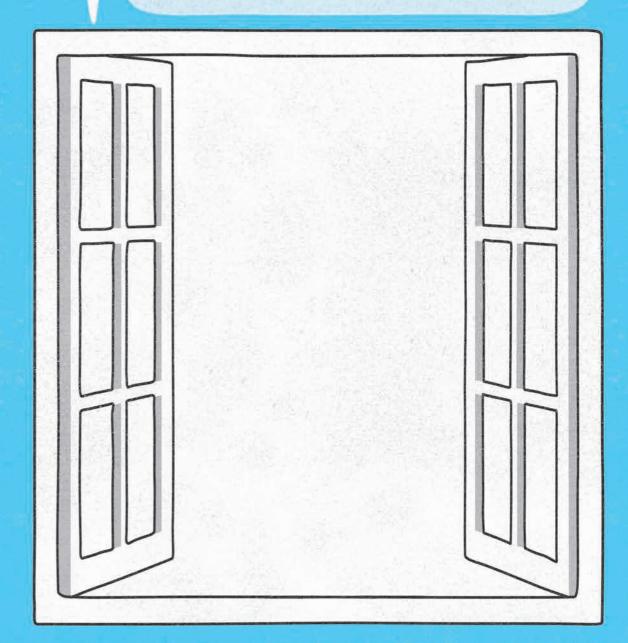
Show as much detail as you can.



LOOK AHEAD

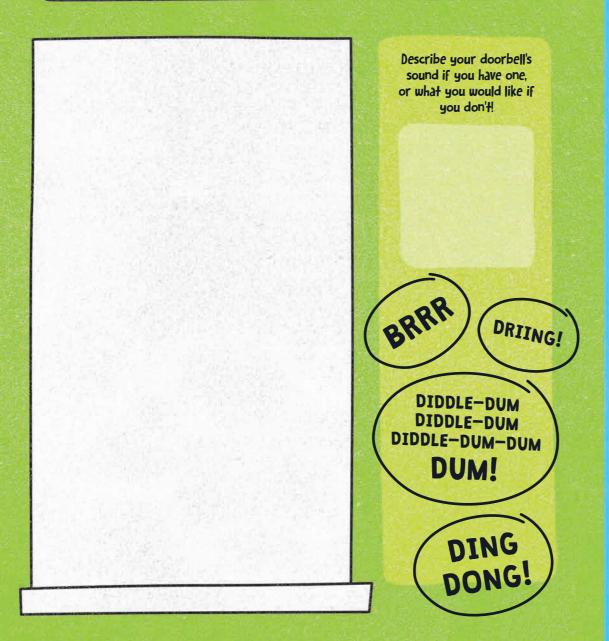
What would you change if you could? Draw the view you would like to see, and write down your dream plans for the future.

When I am older, I want to live: because:



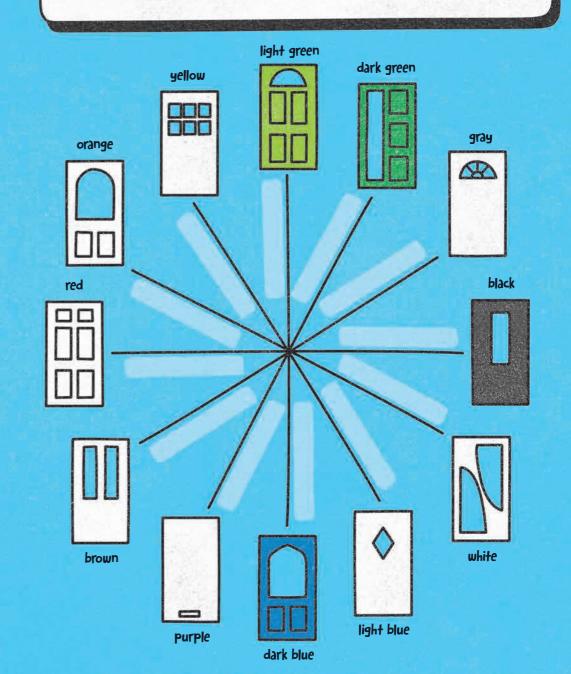
MAKE AN ENTRANCE!

Record your own front door here. Add any windows, handles, locks, or signs.
Include any scuffs or scratches. Make it the right color.



KALEIDOSCOPE DOORS

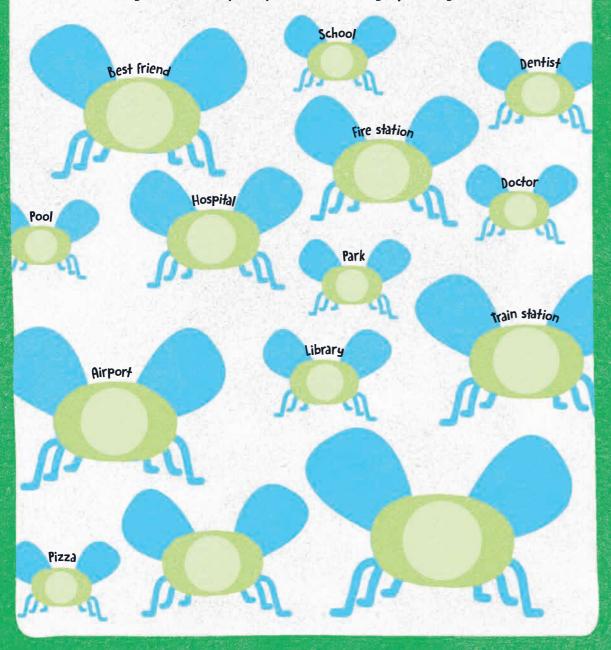
Color these doors to match their labels. Then write on the lines how far you have to go from your own front door to find a front door in that color.



YOU'RE A SPIDER!

Okay, so you don't have eight legs and an interest in dark, damp basements. But you do sit in the middle of a network of places that are important for you.

How far are you from these top hot spots? Add more that you just always need to be near.



HOW WIDE IS YOUR WEB?

Write your name on the creepy critter in the center. Then, all around, mark the positions of the hot spots according to their distances from home. Connect each hot spot with a line to yourself and a line to its neighbor until you have your own wide web for the world you live in.

