

CAMOUFLAGE!

(CAN YOU USE CAMOUFLAGE LIKE ANIMALS DO?)

TO PLAY, YOU'LL NEED:

- » At least two players (the more the merrier)
- » A wooded area or any setting with various view-disrupting objects

HOW TO PLAY:

- 1. Pick a home-base. Choose one person to be the Seeker.
- 2. The Seeker stands at home-base, yells "Camouflage!" and loudly counts to 20 with closed eyes.
- 3. Players run and camouflage themselves, staying either within set boundaries or within sight of the Seeker.
 - Players must be able to see the Seeker at all times! Hiding completely behind a tree is not camouflage.
- 4. After counting to 20, and keeping one foot firmly on home-base, the Seeker surveys the area and calls the names of players they can spot. Spotted players come back to home-base.



WHY DO ANIMALS USE CAMOUFLAGE?

Camouflage is all about disguising yourself to avoid being spotted. In nature, both predators and prey use camouflage.

Why would predators use camouflage?

Why would prey use camouflage?

Arctic foxes have white fur to blend into the snow, but come summer, by the time the snow melts, their fur is brown.

What're you wearing today?

How might the color of your clothing help or hurt your ability to camouflage yourself?

- 5. The Seeker silently holds up a number of fingers for 10 seconds for players to note. (This ensures players are keeping the Seeker in view at all times; players will recite this number at the end of the game.)
- 6. (Round 2) The Seeker closes their eyes, yells "Camouflage!" and loudly counts to 15; remaining players camouflage themselves closer to the Seeker. After calling out any visible players, the Seeker holds up a number of fingers.
- 7. The Seeker yells "Read, Set, Go!" and players run toward home-base. The first player to reach home-base and correctly say the numbers of fingers held up gets to be (or choose) the next round's Seeker. Repeat!