

Insect Zoo

Let's put on our scientist hats and conduct an outdoor experiment!



Background: Try this activity sometime in the morning or early afternoon and be sure to check your results before it gets dark.

Materials: Four small, clear, cups, peanut butter (or pb alternative).

Instructions:

- Dig four small holes in the dirt. Note: the holes will need to be the same size as the plastic cups.
- Lower the plastic cups into the holes so that the brims are even with the Earth.
- Put a small scoop of peanut butter (or other) in each of the cups and cover the lids with a small layer of loose grass.
- That's it! Wait a while and you will get a big surprise.
- After a few hours (often less), you will have an insect zoo.
- Reminder to release insects after observing.

Observations:

- Count how many different types of bugs you observe.
- Can you identify the different species of bugs?
- Which bug is the largest? How small is the smallest?
- Draw your findings.