



Activity 2: Human Activity

What evidence of human activity can you find around your home?

Materials

- clear packing tape
- one large and one small sheet of plain white paper
- magnifying glass
- plastic bag
- items of old clothing (t-shirt, socks, mittens, etc.)
- data table

Instructions

1. Select an area either in your house or around your yard. Try to find somewhere that has a lot of debris on the ground.
2. Drop an item of clothing on the ground. Then, pick it up and shake it over the large sheet of white paper to remove any loose debris.
3. Then, take a few strips of tape and press them onto the item of clothing to remove any debris that is still stuck on the clothing. You can use each strip of tape a few times until it loses "stickiness".
4. Place the tape on the small piece of white paper so you can make your observations. Record any debris you have collected from the item.
5. Complete the data table on the following page with your observations. You can also print the table and complete the assignment on the printed version.
- 6 .Repeat steps one to five for a second area using a different item of clothing.

Data Table

| Area | Item of Clothing | Observations Found |
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Digging Deeper

Once you have completed the activity, try this!

Construct a visual representation of your findings by taking a photograph of your tape strips and labelling the photo with your observations in a poster or logbook format.

Photo

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Based on your findings, answer these questions:

1. Was there evidence that allowed you to tell where the samples came from? What was that evidence?

2. Was there evidence that suggested human activity? What was that evidence?

3. Was there evidence that suggested animal activity? What was that evidence?