

A Trip to Popo (Grandma)'s House

An artefact hunt based on the ABC
Early Learning Resources (ELR) booklet



Hello parents and educators,

In this hunt, explore the museum with your children to find 6 artefacts that are featured in the ABC Early Learning Resources (ELR) booklet.

Use the clues to look for the artefacts and spend some time talking and learning more about them as you go along. Have fun!

This activity is estimated to take up to 1 hour with discussion questions included.



Tips to maximise the hunt activity experience

- Print out this booklet and bring it along with you to the galleries or download it to your mobile device for easy reference during the hunt.
- Read out the story and questions on the following pages to engage children in conversations.
- Encourage children to take charge of searching for the answers in the ELR booklet using the clues provided in the hunt.
- If feasible, bring cameras for children to take photos of the artefacts (without flash), so that they can be used for reflection time at home or a show-and-tell activity in school after the hunt.
- Encourage children to reflect on their experience with some question prompts below:
 - a. When did you go to the museum?
 - b. What was your favourite artefact at the museum?
 - c. Why do you like this artefact?
 - d. What did you learn about this artefact?
 - e. Who would you like to visit the museum with?
- Encourage children to look for objects at home or in school that are similar or related to the artefacts and to share their similarities and differences.

Artefact Hunt: A Trip to Popo (Grandma)'s House

Dennis is excited to visit Popo's house for dinner with Papa Sunbear and Mama Binturong. Popo (Grandma) cooks the most delicious food and Dennis cannot wait to taste it!

"Hurry up, Dennis, or we will be late!" call Mama Binturong and Papa Sunbear as they climb into a transport vehicle with two large wheels.

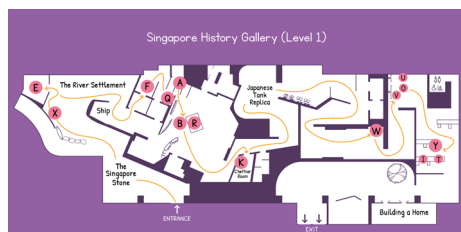
"How are we travelling to Popo's house?" wonders Dennis.

Do you know the answer to Dennis' question?

Hint

You can find the answer on one of the pages featuring the letters "N" to "R" in the ABC ELR booklet.

Once you have the answer, let us look for the artefact in the Singapore History Gallery on level 1!



The gallery is quite big as it covers 700 years of Singapore history. Flip to the map of the Singapore History Gallery (in purple) in the ABC booklet for the location of the artefact!



Let's discuss!

Take a close look at this artefact in front of you.

- What shapes do you see?
- How do you think the rickshaw moves from one place to another?

"The rickshaw puller is so strong, Papa! Look at how he makes the rickshaw move just by running!" marvels Dennis.

Soon, Dennis and his family arrive at Popo's house, which is one kilometre away from their home. Papa Sunbear pays the fare of 4 cents and thanks the rickshaw puller for his hard work.

As Mama Binturong opens the door, Dennis notices a family portrait hanging in the living room.

"Papa, is that you?" asks Dennis, pointing to a young Sunbear depicted doing a salute in the photo. He was smartly dressed in a green outfit.

Can you guess what Papa Sunbear was wearing in the photo?

Hint

You can find the answer on one of the pages featuring the letters "S" to "W" in the ABC ELR booklet.

Once you have the answer, let us continue our journey in the Singapore History Gallery to look for the artefact!

Let's discuss! 

Take a close look at this artefact in front of you.

- What do you see on this uniform?
- What colour is this uniform? Why do you think it is this colour?



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* Gift of William Oh

"This was me in my army uniform. All males have to serve the army for a period of time when they turn 18 years old," Papa says proudly.

"Papa wore this uniform as he trained in the jungle with his fellow soldiers to protect our country. Will you be brave like Papa when it is your turn to serve the army, Dennis?" asks Mama Binturong.

"Let us take a family photo as well when it is my turn, Mama! I shall look smart in the uniform and be brave just like Papa to protect our country too!"

What item do you think Popo used to make Papa Sunbear's uniform so straight and neat?

Hint

You can find the answer on one of the pages featuring the letters "G" to "K" in the ABC ELR booklet.

Once you have the answer, let us continue our journey in the Singapore History Gallery to look for the artefact!



Let's discuss!

Take a close look at this artefact in front of you.

- How does this item work?
- Do you think young children can use this item on their own? Why?



* Gift of Ng Le Eng

Dennis is so focused on the family portrait that he does not notice Gong Gong (Grandpa) relaxing on the sofa nearby.

"Come and sit with me, Dennis," chuckles Gong Gong.
"You are just in time to catch the last 5 minutes of my favourite show."

What item does Gong Gong use to watch his favourite show?

Hint

You can find the answer on one of the pages featuring the letters "P" to "T" in the ABC ELR booklet.

Once you have the answer, let us continue our journey in the Singapore History Gallery to look for the artefact!

Let's discuss! 

Take a close look at this artefact in front of you.

- What shapes do you see?
- How do you think we can switch it on?



Dennis sits beside Gong Gong and watches the black-and-white images on the screen.

"It would be so nice if there were colour images on the screen!" Dennis says to Gong Gong.

Gong Gong laughs, "Yes Dennis, perhaps improvements in technology will let us enjoy colour television when you grow older!"

When the show ended, Gong Gong turns a knob on the television to switch it off. Next, he closes the built-in cabinet doors to cover the screen. Now it is well protected from dust!

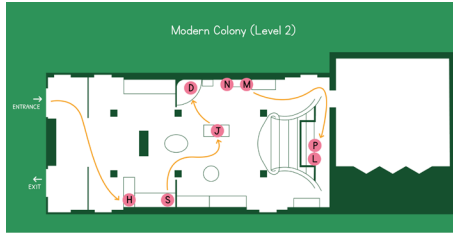
"Popo is resting in the bedroom. Shall we wake her up for dinner?", asks Gong Gong.

Dennis peeks into the bedroom and sees Popo napping soundly. What is her head resting on?

Hint

You can find the answer on one of the pages featuring the letters "M" to "Q" in the ABC ELR booklet.

Once you have the answer, let us go to the Modern Colony gallery on level 2 to look for the artefact!



Flip to the map of the Modern Colony gallery (in green) in the ABC booklet for the location of the artefact!

Let's discuss!



Take a close look at this artefact in front of you.

- Can you describe its texture?
- What do you think it feels like when you touch it?
- How is it different from the pillow that you use at home?

The cool texture of the ceramic pillow helps Popo fall asleep easily when the weather is hot.

"How can I wake Popo up from her nap?" Dennis ponders.

Just then, he sees something small and red on her bedside table.

"I have an idea!" thinks Dennis excitedly.

What do you think Dennis saw on the bedside table?

Hint

You can find the answer on one of the pages featuring the letters "H" to "L" in the ABC ELR booklet.

Once you have the answer, let us continue our journey in the Modern Colony gallery to look for the artefact!



Let's discuss! 

Take a close look at this artefact in front of you.

- How do you think this item works?
- How is it different from the one you have at home?



Dennis asks for Mama Binturong's help to light a match and place the flame at the wick of the oil lamp. The oil inside the lamp starts to burn, giving off a warm light.

Popo opens her eyes and sees Dennis smiling at her.

"Let us have dinner Popo! I cannot wait to eat all the yummy food which you have prepared!" Dennis exclaims.

"Of course, my dear Dennis. I can hear your stomach rumbling loudly," teases Popo.

Dennis turns red from embarrassment as everyone laughs and heads to the dining area for a delicious family dinner.

-The End-

Bye!



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