

Mama's Field Trip Memories

An artefact hunt based on the Colours
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 Colours 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: Mama's Field Trip Memories

It is the morning of Dennis' very first field trip with his preschool! He wakes up with butterflies in his stomach and realises that he has yet to pack his school bag! What is he going to need?

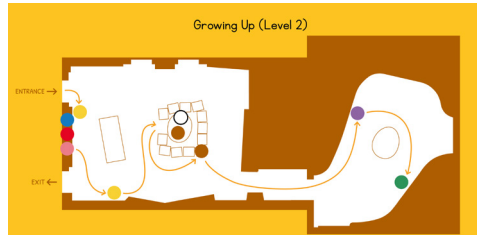
Mama Binturong notices his anxiety and calmly says, "Let me tell you the story of my first field trip! Maybe it will help you decide what to bring." She knows that Dennis loves listening to her stories. "30 years ago, when I was your age..."

"When I got up in the morning, I felt so excited! First, I needed to get dressed. Some children wore their best clothes to school, but I had something **white**. What do you think that was?"

Hint

Look at the word in bold! Which artefact in the Colours ELR booklet fits the description?

Once you have the answer, let us look for the artefact in the Growing Up gallery at level 2!



Flip to the map of the Growing Up gallery (in yellow) in the Colours booklet for the location of the artefact!

Let's discuss!



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

- What other colours do you see on it?
- Did your parents also wear this to school?
- What did theirs look like?



"Then, looking all smart in my uniform, I went to fetch something **brown** in the shape of a rectangle. Can you guess what that is?"

Hint

Look at the word in bold! Which artefact in the Colours ELR booklet fits the description?

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

Let's discuss! 

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

- What materials is it made of?
- What do you usually pack in this object?



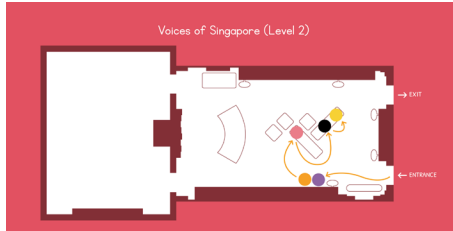
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"My school bag was sturdy, with metal latches and eight corner protectors! Now, what did I pack in my school bag? I wanted to record memories of all the fun and exciting things we were going to do that day! So, the first thing I packed was my **black**..."

Hint

Look at the word in bold! Which artefact in the Colours ELR booklet fits the description?

Once you have the answer, let us look for the artefact in the Voices of Singapore gallery on level 2!



Flip to the map of the Voices of Singapore gallery (in red) in the Colours booklet for the location of the artefact!

Let's discuss!



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

- How does this object work?
- Can you spot where is the viewfinder, the flash and the shutter button?

"My Polaroid Colorpack 80 camera could produce instant colour photo prints! I was so proud of it."

Do you know what the camera needs to operate properly and take photographs? It is kept in something **yellow**.

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Look at the word in bold! Which artefact in the Colours ELR booklet fits the description?

Once you have the answer, let us continue our journey in the Voices of Singapore gallery to look for the artefact!



Let's discuss! 

Let us talk more about this artefact.

- How are images different from what was actually photographed?
- What do you use to take photographs today?



"Wow, Mama! You were so well prepared for your field trip in the past! Now, I am curious! Where did you go for your field trip?" asks Dennis.

Mama Binturong goes to the cabinet and takes out something in **purple**. What do you think it is?

Hint

Look at the word in bold! Which artefact in the Colours ELR booklet fits the description?

Once you have the answer, let us continue our journey in the Voices of Singapore gallery to look for the artefact!

Let's discuss! 

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

- What is the performance that Mama Binturong attended?
- Out of all the posters on the wall, which performance would you be most interested to see?



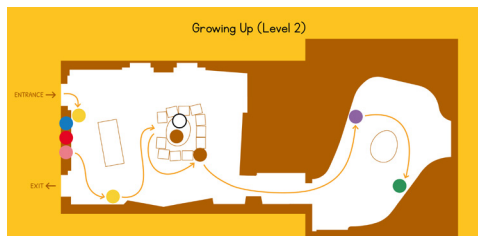
"I enjoyed the concert so much that I bought this poster!"
Mama says.

"Hmm... That gives me an idea!" Dennis hops off his chair and runs into his room. He returns to the breakfast table holding a **red** toy. What toy is it?

Hint

Look at the word in bold! Which artefact in the Colours ELR booklet fits the description?

Once you have the answer, let us look for the artefact in the Growing Up gallery at level 2!



Flip to the map of the Growing Up gallery (in **yellow**) in the Colours booklet for the location of the artefact!



Let's discuss!

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

- Do you have any toys that look like this?
- Has anyone taken a ride in a boat before?

"We are taking a boat tour down the Singapore River today," Dennis says happily. "I am going to bring my toy boat to show my friends!"

"What a good idea!" Mama Binturong smiles as she ruffles Dennis' hair lovingly. "I am sure you are going to have a wonderful time!"

-The End-

Bye!



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