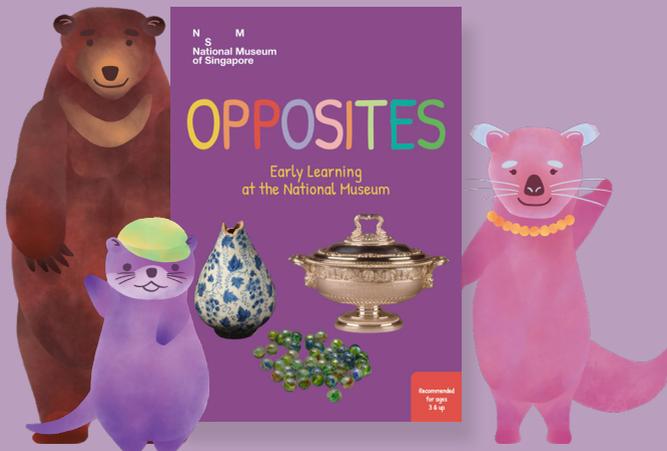


Dennis' Naughty Prank

An artefact hunt based on the Opposites
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 Opposites 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: Dennis' Naughty Prank

One day after school, Dennis sits alone in his room and complains, "I am so bored. Everyone is busy and there is no one to play with me!"

He takes a ball and begins to throw it around the house. Suddenly, he hears a loud CRASH and sees that the ball has knocked over Papa Sunbear's favourite vase!

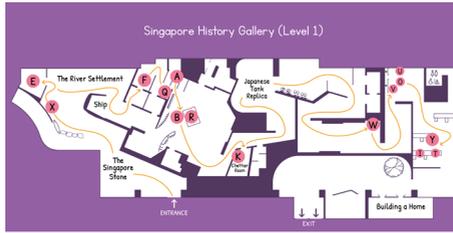
"Oh no!" cries Dennis as he stares at the **broken** pieces on the floor.

What do you think Dennis saw?

Hint

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

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



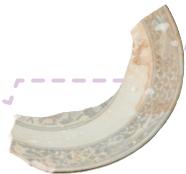
The gallery is quite big as it covers 700 years of Singapore history. Flip to the map of the Singapore History Gallery (in purple) in the Opposites booklet for the location of the artefact!

Let's discuss!



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

- How many broken pieces are there in this display?
- What colours and patterns can you see on them?
- Have you broken a glass object before? What happened?
- Do you think that the broken pieces can be put back together?



"Papa will be upset if he finds out that I broke his favourite porcelain vase from China!" Dennis sighs.

"Maybe I can tell him that a robber came to steal Mama's precious **silver bowl** and broke the vase when I chased him away!"

Which item did Dennis claim that the robber stole?

Hint

Look at the words in bold! Which artefact in the Opposites ELR booklet fits the description?

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 patterns do you see?
- What do you think it is used for?
- Do you have something like this at home?



Mama Binturong is angry to hear what the robber had done. How is she going to serve the family their favourite soup without her precious bowl?

She runs out of the house and uses an object to **make a loud sound** to alert their neighbours about the robbery.

What did Mama Binturong hit to make the loud sound?

Hint

Look at the words in bold! Which artefact in the Opposites ELR booklet fits the description?

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 sound do you think it will make?
- Can you name some other types of bells?
- Where can you find bells in our community?



Next, Mama Binturong calls Papa Sunbear, who is a policeman, and tells him about what happened.

Papa immediately rushes over to investigate the robbery.

As he stomps into the house, Papa Sunbear waves a **short stick**, in case the robber is nearby.

What is Papa Sunbear carrying in his hand?

Hint

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

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 the artefact in front of you.

- What do you think the policeman does with this item?
- Do you think it is longer or shorter than your arm?



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Meanwhile, Mama Binturong searches the house to check if anything else has been stolen.

Suddenly, she sees something shiny below Dennis's bed. Mama Binturong takes a closer look and exclaims "Ah, it's my precious tureen!"

Mama Binturong turns to Dennis and asks angrily, "Why is my precious tureen under your bed? I thought you said that it was stolen by the robber?"

Dennis mumbles, "I broke the vase while playing with the ball as I was feeling bored. I was afraid Papa would scold me, so I made up a story about the robbery. I am sorry that I told a lie."

Mama's expression softens. "Dennis, you are our precious child, and we will still love you even when you make mistakes. It is important to be brave and admit when you have done something wrong. Honesty is always better than lying."

Papa Sunbear adds, "Come, I will show you two interesting **games** that you can play if you are bored."

What do you think Papa Sunbear showed Dennis?



Let's discuss! 

Take a close look at these two artefacts in front of you.

- How do you think they are played?
- What is your favourite game to play with your family?



"My family did not have money to buy expensive toys when I was your age, Dennis.

I often played with marbles and spinning tops. I would draw a ring on the ground and aim my marble to shoot my friend's marbles out of the ring in order to win the game.

We would also have friendly competitions to see whose tops could spin the longest," Papa Sunbear recalls fondly.

"Let us play together Papa! I cannot wait to learn about your favourite games!" Dennis says excitedly.

Even though Dennis has made a mistake, he feels so loved by his family that he promises to be honest from now on.

-The End-

Bye!



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