

Nature's Lost Words: A Wild Quiz



Did you know that around 50 words connected with countryside and nature have been removed from the Oxford Junior Dictionary? Words including Acorn, Buttercup and Conker ... we were stunned!

Our friends at the Stour Valley Education Network have created a short quiz to help children in recognising some of the words which are starting to disappear in this way and we thought it would be great to share it with you.

On completion of the Quiz send it to us admin@essexchildrensuniversity.co.uk and we will award 1 hour of CU Learning for the Passport to Learning.

For an additional hour of CU Learning, encourage your child to write a short story or a poem which include all of these words too. Submit them to us and we will also share with the Stour Valley Education Network people too! We are really excited to be working with them.

Nature's Lost Words: A Wild Quiz Based on the book 'The Lost Words' by Robert Macfarlane and Jackie Morris

1: What tree does an **acorn** come from?

- A: Oak
 - B: Birch
 - C: Alder
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2: What colour is a **raven**?

- A: White
 - B: Grey
 - C: Black
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3: A great crested **newt** is a species of...

- A: Amphibian
 - B: Mammal
 - C: Bird
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4: Where does a **kingfisher** hunt its prey?

- A: Forests
 - B: Rivers
 - C: Rocky cliffs
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5: A **weasel** is a ...

- A: Carnivore
 - b: Herbivore
 - C: Insectivore
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6: Which of these is a type of **fern**?

- A: Stinging nettle
 - B: Holly bush
 - C: Bracken
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7: What colour is a **dandelion**?

- A: White
 - B: Red
 - C: Yellow
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8: Which tree does a **conker** come from?

- A: Horse chestnut
 - B: Oak
 - C: A conker tree
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9: Which fruit comes off a **bramble** bush?

- A: Blackberry
 - B: Strawberry
 - C: Raspberry
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10: In which habitat might you find a carpet of **bluebells**?

- A: Open moorland
 - B: The forest floor
 - C: The side of a mountain
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11: An **adder** is a...

- A: Lizard
 - B: Frog
 - C: Snake
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12: What is a **heron's** favourite food?

- A: Fish
 - B: Mice
 - C: Insects
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13: How does an **otter** move around?

- A: Flying
 - B: Swimming
 - C: Hopping
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14: What is the name for a swooping mass of thousands of **starlings** in the sky?

- A: Gathering
 - B: Collection
 - C: Murmuration
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15: What is a type of **willow** tree?

- A: Crying
 - B: Laughing
 - C: Weeping
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16: A **wren** is a very small...

- A: Flower
 - B: Bird
 - C: Fish
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17: What makes up the colours of a **magpie**?

- A: Black & white
 - B: Yellow & green
 - C: Red & blue
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18: Where may you find lots of **heather**?

- A: In a pond
- B: A woodland floor
- C: Open moorland