

A city scavenger hunt

What is it?

A scavenger hunt is a bit like a German "Schnitzeljagd". You get a list of tasks which you try to solve by "scavenging" your environment. You can set yourself a time limit and solve as many of the tasks as possible. Or you use the list as an inspiration and take it with you on a walk.

How does this work?

1. Take the "scavenger" list on a walk and find as many items as possible. Bring your phone or camera and a notebook.
2. Take pictures.
3. While you are outside: Do some of the additional activities if you like (see the list below).
4. When you are back at home: Use your pictures for storytelling, journaling, English practice

You can also add your own items to the list!

The "scavenger" list

1. Find 5 yellow things that are not plants.
2. Record a nature sound on your phone.
3. Find a duck, or more.
4. Find a quiet place.
5. A piece of public art.
6. A beautiful door.
7. A bird's nest.
8. A thing that's in the wrong place.
9. Something that makes you think "I wonder why ...".
10. Something that smells good.
11. Find as many geometric shapes as possible.
12. How many different types of surface are you walking on during the walk? Can you name them in English?
13. Something that looks like a face (but isn't a face).
14. Something that makes you laugh.
15. A building that you would love to live in.
16. A road that you have never walked down before.
17. A view with something old and something new.
18. An interesting shadow.
19. Something that looks like art, but isn't art.
20. An advertising slogan you like.
21. Something stripey.
22. An unexpected sight.
23. A body of water.
24. A bridge.
25. Something that somebody lost.
26. Something reflected in something else.
27. A lost receipt.
28. A poster for an event you would like to go to.
29. Something that reminds you of your childhood.
30. A beautiful staircase.

Follow-up activities (not only) for your English

10 words: Find 10 words to describe the picture.

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Senses: What do you hear, smell or feel? Does this place fill you with calm, does it energise or inspire you?

Memories: Some of the places you go to might bring back memories. Write them down.

Events: What did you observe or experience while you were taking the picture? Did you overhear a conversation?

Poetry: Use your picture to write a poem, such as a haiku or an "Elfchen". [Read more here](#)

Write a story: Use your picture to write a fairy tale, or another type of story. [This worksheet is a starting point.](#)

Question time: Write down as many questions as you can about this picture.

Tech stories: Type your words into google, an online translator, or an AI writing tool. When you are feeling uninspired, these tools might give you new ideas.

Put it all together: Put your scavenger hunt images next to each other. Use them to tell a story.

