# Read, Write, Count worksheet

## Nocturnal bug trap

Many minibeasts are nocturnal, meaning they only come out at night. Unless you want to stay up all night bug hunting with a torch, which can also be fun to do, you might not normally find these creatures. But there is a way you can kindly catch them while you sleep and then look at them in the morning. This is with a pitfall trap.

## How to make a pitfall trap

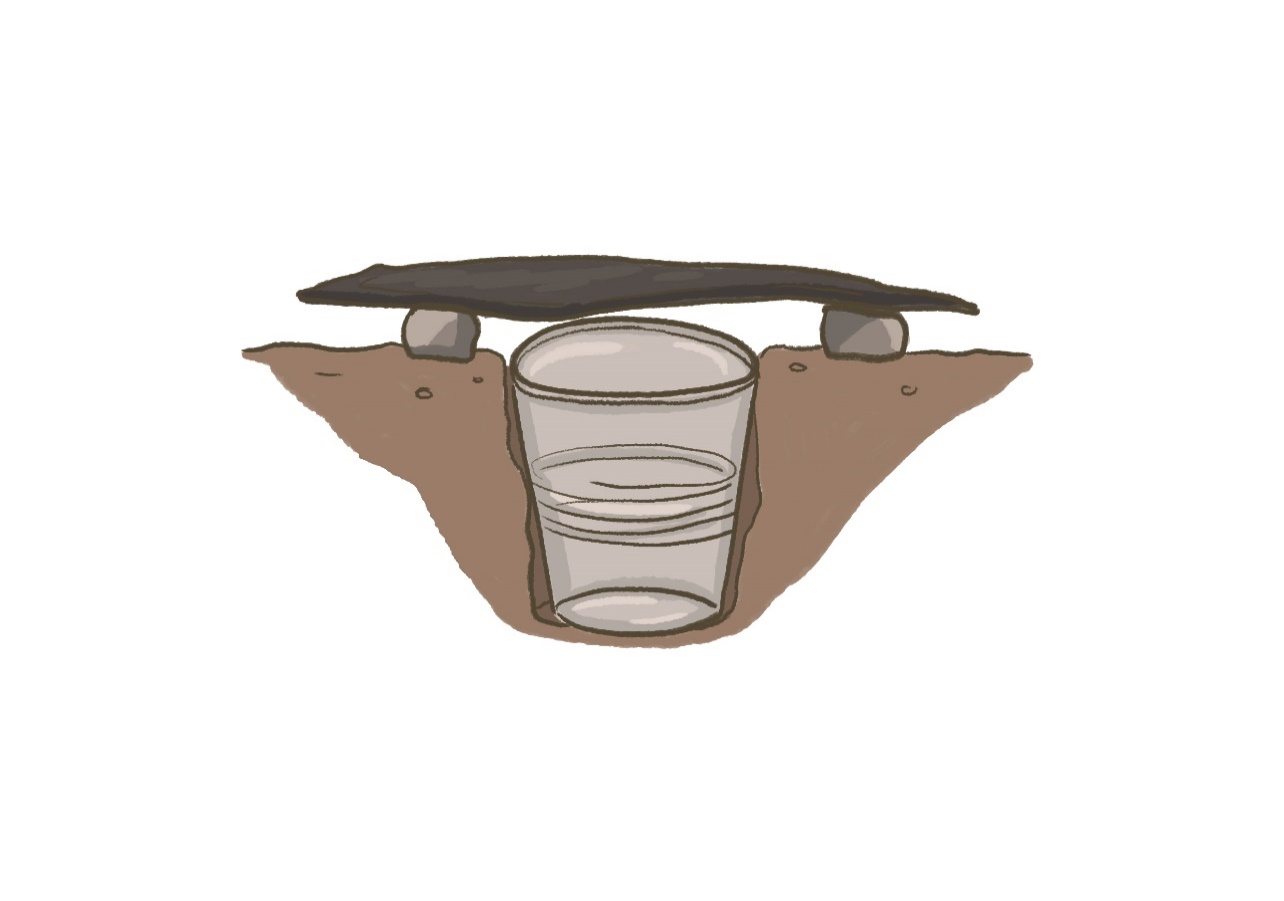
To make a pitfall trap you will need:

* A deep plastic cup or a deep tub with smooth slippery sides
* A small shovel to dig a hole
* Some stones and something to work as a waterproof roof (like a slate or a tray)

## Instructions

Dig a hole big enough for the cup to sit in, and bury it so the top is at the same level as the soil. Put some stones on either side of the cup and rest the ‘roof’ tile on these so there is space for bugs to walk underneath. The roof will stop the cup filling with water if it rains.

During the night minibeasts will fall into the cup and they won’t be able to climb out. In the morning you can see what you have caught and then gently let them go.

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