

Role-play Group Descriptions

Centipedes	<p>Some of you are communicating, some are sheltering, some are eating. Make sure you know who the other centipedes are.</p> <p>When the humans come very close to you, you need to curl up into a ball as this is your defence position.</p>
Spiders	<p>Some of you are communicating, some are sheltering, some are eating. Make sure you stay together near or under a rotten log.</p> <p>You have never met humans before.</p>
Junior Entomologists	<p>First, you need to decide what your protocol is: will you catch-and-release or catalogue (by killing the animals)? The Ethics Board has told you that you need to ask for their permission before killing any animals! It is up to your group if you will ask for their permission or not.</p> <p>Then you need to go into the field. There, you notice two groups of species near a huge rotten log.</p> <p>You catch and release the ones you have seen before, and take notes about what you observe.</p> <p>When you look at the second group, you realise you have never seen them before - they could be an entirely undiscovered species! As a group, think and act out what you are going to do. You have just started your new jobs as entomologists and this is your first trip to the forest. This could be your chance to make a new discovery! What will you do? Whatever you do, you must go back to the office at the end of the day and choose whether or not you will report your findings, and the way you collected animals, to the Ethics Board.</p>

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Senior Entomologist	<p>You want to make sure your junior entomologists are doing the right thing. Are they cataloguing species or are they using catch-and-release?</p> <p>Do you check in on them before they go on their field trip? Or do you trust them to make good decisions on ethics and their study?</p> <p>After they come back from their field trip to the forest, you are quick to find out what they discovered and what they did. If they tell you they catalogue (killed the insects), you need to send them to the ethics board.</p>
Ethics Board	<p>You know some entomologists are working in the field, discovering species. You have instructed them that they can only kill a species if they are sure it has never been found before. Whatever happens, they need to come to you to ask if they can kill anything first. There are strict guidelines in place. If they don't:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• First step: do you give them a warning?• Second step: do you fine them?• Third step: do you send them to prison? <p>You want to make sure that you keep the standards high. You have a big responsibility.</p> <p>The entomologists can ask you questions before or after they head out on their field trip. If they come to ask a question, you must discuss with the other Board members before passing your decision to the entomologists.</p> <p>If the entomologists don't come to you after their field trip, you can decide whether you want to go and ask them whether they have fulfilled their roles and responsibilities.</p> <p>For all decisions, your group must think about and discuss their opinions before making a decision as a group.</p>