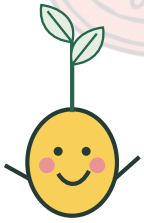
# Leaf Explorers

Discover how herb leaves differ in shape, texture and smell.



Little growers, big discoveries

15 MIN | HERBS AND SENSES | AGES 5+ WITH AN ADULT

## Grab your kit

A few leaves of known culinary herbs such as basil, chives, mint and rosemary, paper, a pencil and an optional magnifying glass.

## Your discovery mission

1. Ask an adult to identify each herb. Put the leaves on the table and name them together.
2. Look closely. Which leaves are broad, thin, smooth, pointed or needle-shaped?
3. Gently touch each leaf. Then rub one between your fingers and smell it, keeping it away from your eyes. You can just look if you prefer.
4. Draw your favourite leaf. Add its name and three words that describe it. Invite someone else to match your drawing to the real leaf.

## What did you discover?

My herb: _____
My three describing words: _____

### Draw your discovery

### Let’s wonder...

Which herbs look similar but smell different? Where have you noticed these scents before?

**NEXT ADVENTURE**

Make a labelled herb gallery using drawings of all four herbs. See how their leaves change as the plants grow.

Use only herbs identified by an adult. This is a looking and smelling activity; do not taste unknown plants. Wash hands afterwards.