



3. WHAT DOES YOUR WORLD SOUND LIKE? NEIGHBORHOOD SOUNDTRACKS

WHAT
WILL YOU
NEED?



YOUR LISTENING
EARS



YOUR WALKING
SHOES



A RECORDER
(OPTIONAL)

You will explore the sounds in your neighborhood by taking a walk, listening closely, and re-creating what you hear using your body, voice, and found objects.

★ *Use the prompts below to help guide you in making your soundtrack.*

PART I: WHAT DO YOU HEAR?



Let's listen...

When you are outside, close your eyes and listen to the world around you.

What do you hear? Maybe it's a bird in a tree, or a dog parking, a car driving, music playing.

If you are recording, leave it on where you are standing and stop when you return home.

PART II: CREATE YOUR SOUNDTRACK!

While listening outside, mimic the sounds you hear in three ways:

1 Body percussion
Use your body!

2 Found objects
Rocks, sticks, your own cell phone, keys, etc.

3 Using your voice
Get ready to sing!



Do you hear a train rumbling above?

How can you create that sound using your body?

Do you hear a car driving ahead?

Try to find something nearby to help you create the sound you hear. Try rubbing rocks together, tap a stick on a pole, or stomp your feet on the pavement.

Do you hear music playing? Try to hum along with the song using your voice. Continue re-creating the sounds you hear using your body in different ways!

What did you learn about the neighborhood by listening?

BONUS

Using the sounds you recorded, upload them to create a digital soundtrack of your neighborhood! Each will be unique and special that you can listen to forever.

SHARE YOUR SOUNDTRACK WITH US

Let us know what your neighborhood sounds like and what surprised you the most, by posting it on Instagram or Facebook and using the tag #WallachKids for a chance to be featured on our Social Media channels!



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