

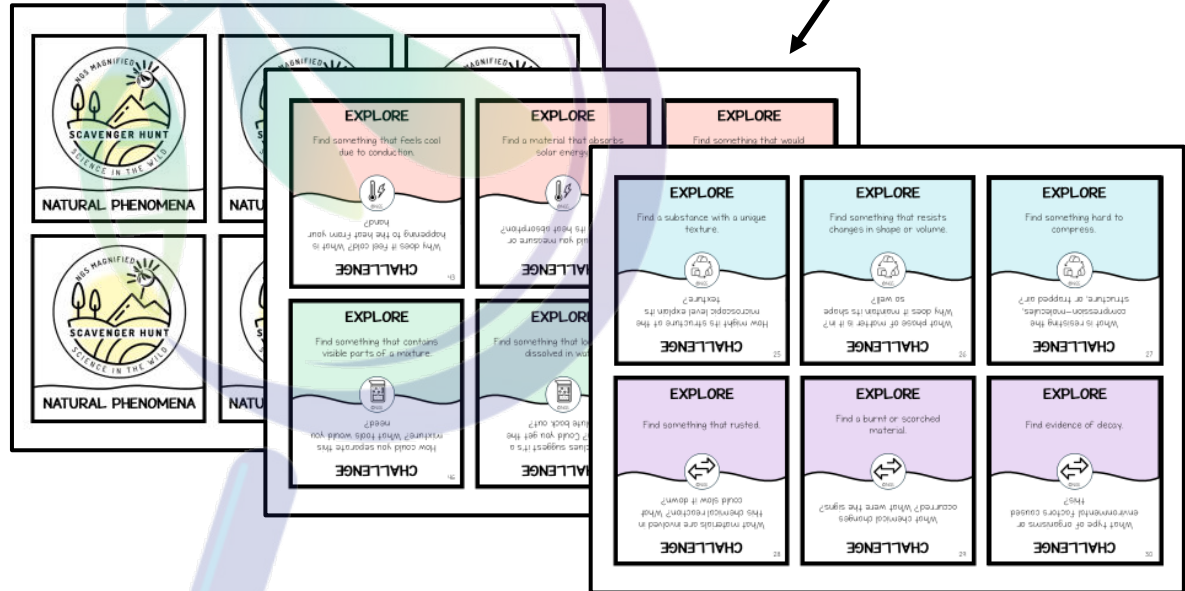
Natural Phenomena Scavenger Hunt Deck

Designed for science students, the Natural Phenomena Scavenger Hunt Deck transforms your schoolyard into a living lab.

54 cards - black and white or color - ready to print double-sided

Uses:

- Quick outdoor warm-up
- A themed science walk
- Station rotation
- Full class challenge
- Nature journal



The Natural Phenomena Scavenger Hunt Deck gets students looking closer at the patterns, changes, and events happening all around them. Whether exploring biotic or abiotic features, seasonal changes, or physical forces, this 54-card deck turns everyday scenes into teachable moments. This engaging and simple activity helps students see the hidden science in their surroundings and make connections in real time.

Topics Included in the Natural Phenomena Scavenger Hunt Deck:

PLANT & LIFE INTERACTIONS



Observe how plants and animals grow, move, or respond to the world around them. Notice survival strategies in leaves, roots, bugs, and beyond.

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EARTH & ENVIRONMENTAL PHENOMENA



Spot features shaped by weather, water, gravity, and human impact. Look for clues in soil, rocks, plants, and the built environment.

2

PHYSICAL & ENERGY PHENOMENA



Identify materials and moments where energy is stored, transferred, or transformed—through motion, sound, heat, or light.

3

CHANGE & PATTERN PHENOMENA



Discover repeating patterns and evidence of change over time. Observe how nature builds rhythms, shapes, and cycles into everything.

4

CREATIVE & CRITICAL THINKING



Use your imagination to spot nature's designs, shapes, and motions that remind you of something else. Find meaning in patterns that feel familiar.

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INTERACTIONS ACROSS EARTH, LIFE & PHYSICAL SCIENCE

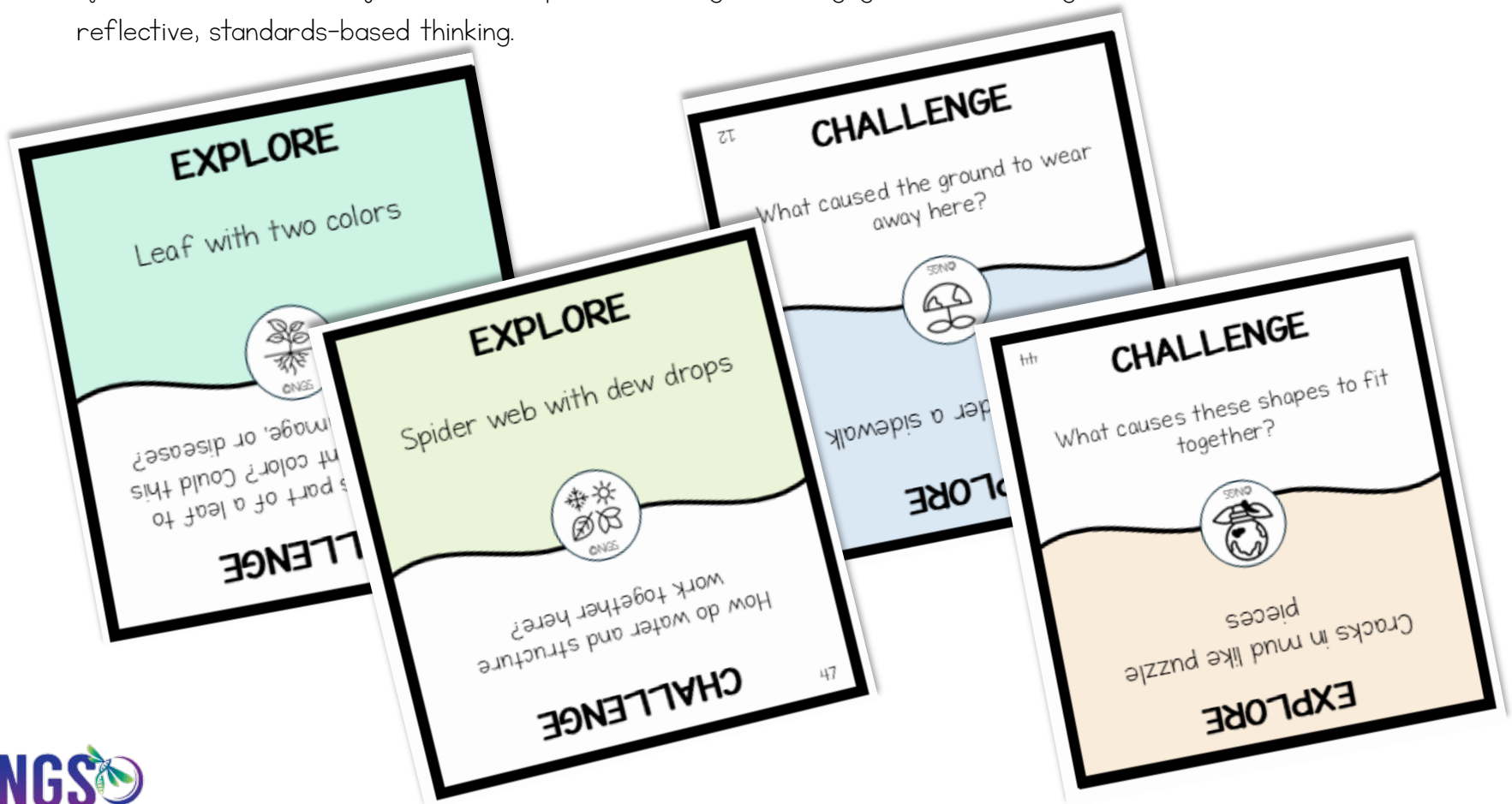


Notice how living things, physical forces, and Earth systems all work together. These observations connect biology, energy, and environments.

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How to Use the Cards with Students:

- **Explore Only:** Students focus on observation skills, using the prompt to guide their search for real-world examples in nature. Perfect for quick outdoor walks or warm-up activities.
- **Challenge Only:** Students skip the search and jump straight into applying scientific thinking, using the journal-style question to make inferences, explain phenomena, or connect to prior learning.
- **Both Sides:** Students first find and observe the prompt in nature, then flip the card to complete the challenge question in their nature journals. This option encourages full engagement, combining hands-on observation with reflective, standards-based thinking.





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