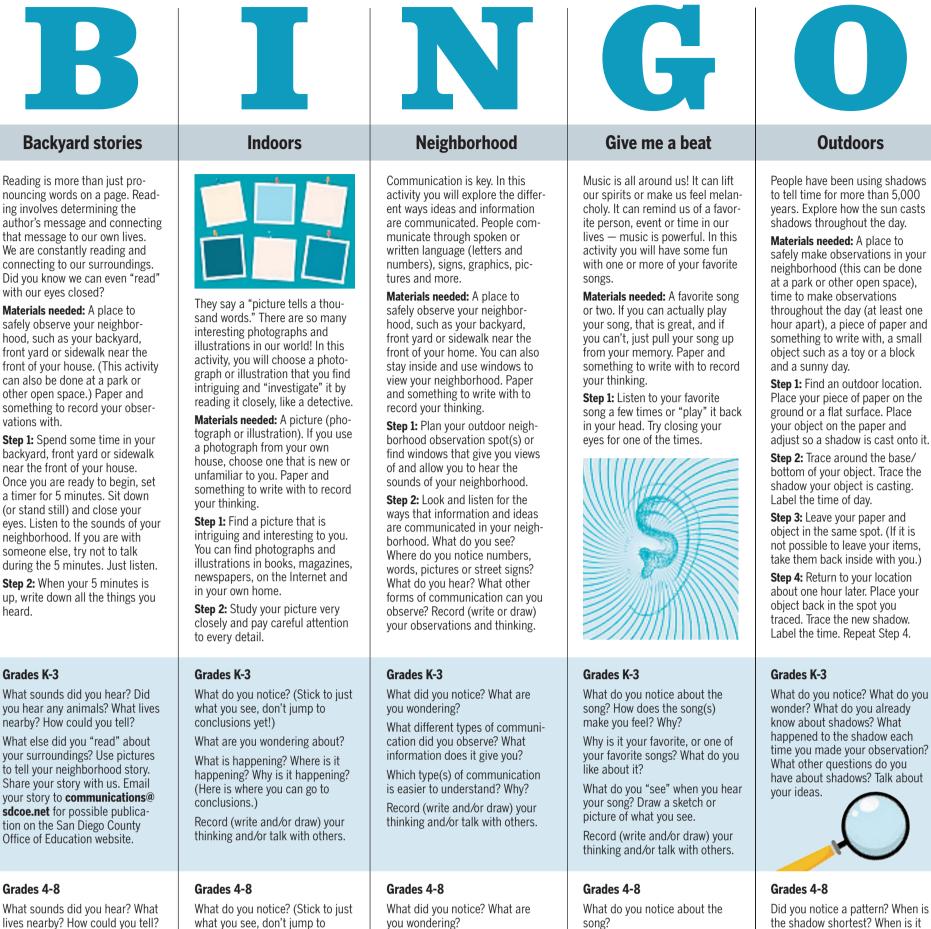
EARNING AT HOME

Welcome to Learning at Home Bingo: Observe your world this week thinking like a literacy explorer.

We'd like to hear from you. How are you using the weekly Learning at Home Bingo feature? Let us know by emailing communications@sdcoe.net.

Do not gather materials without permission. Ask for help from a grown-up.

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Materials needed: A place to safely observe your neighborhood, such as your backyard, front yard or sidewalk near the front of your house. (This activity can also be done at a park or other open space.) Paper and something to record your observations with. Step 1: Spend some time in your

backyard, front yard or sidewalk near the front of your house. Once you are ready to begin, set a timer for 5 minutes. Sit down (or stand still) and close your eves. Listen to the sounds of your neighborhood. If you are with someone else, try not to talk during the 5 minutes. Just listen.

Step 2: When your 5 minutes is up, write down all the things you heard.

Grades K-3

What sounds did you hear? Did you hear any animals? What lives nearby? How could you tell?

What else did you "read" about your surroundings? Use pictures to tell your neighborhood story. Share your story with us. Email your story to communications@ sdcoe.net for possible publication on the San Diego County Office of Education website.

Grades 4-8

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Become the author. Write your neighborhood story based on the what you see, don't jump to conclusions yet!)

What are you wondering about? What surprises you?

hour apart), a piece of paper and

adjust so a shadow is cast onto it.

What do you notice? What do you time you made your observation?

longest? What makes shadows? What makes a sun shadow fall one direction at one time and another direction earlier or later



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Grades 9-12

What did you "read" about your surroundings? What story do the sounds of your neighborhood tell?

Become the author. Write your neighborhood story based on the sounds you heard. How does only using your sense of hearing influence the story being told? Make observations for 5 more minutes. This time use your sense of sight and look around. How did the observations you made using your sense of sight affect the story being told? Compare your listening story to your looking story.

Share your story with us.

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Extension activities

Complete this activity with another person. Have each person write and share the neighborhood story they heard. How were the stories the same? How were the stories different?

Repeat the activity at a different time on the same day. What story did you hear? Were the sounds telling the same story? How were the stories the same? How were the stories different?

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What is happening? Where is it happening? Why is it happening? (Here is where you can go to inferences and conclusions.)

How are the subjects in your picture feeling? What is making you think that? What is this reminding you of in your own life, your community, or in our world?

Record (write and draw) your thinking and/or share your ideas with others.

What do you notice? (Stick to just

what you see, don't jump to conclusions yet!) What are you wondering about? What surprises you?

Grades 9-12

What is happening? Why is it happening? (Here is where you can go to inferences and conclusions.) How are the subjects in your picture feeling? What conclusions can you draw about the subjects?

What connections can you make from the picture to your own life or the world? What is it reminding you of? Why do you suppose the photographer or artist created this for people to see?

What might they want us to think about or want us to do?

Record your thinking and/or share your ideas with others. What do they think? How do their ideas compare to yours?

Extension activities

Engage in weekly What's Going On In This Picture interactive discussions, which bring a global audience together to "notice and wonder" about images and ideas. https://www.nytimes.com/column/learning-whats-going-on-inthis-picture

Be an author and write the story of your picture or write a caption.



How is language used to help people navigate your neighborhood?

What different types of communi-

cation did you observe? What

information does it give you?

Which type(s) of communication seem to be easiest to understand? Which type(s) seem to be more difficult? Explain your thinking.

Record (write and draw) your thinking and/or share your ideas with others.

Grades 9-12

What different types of communication did you observe? How does it help people navigate your neighborhood? Was one type of communication more prevalent? Why do you think that might be?

How can being familiar with the types of communication in your neighborhood help you navigate an unfamiliar neighborhood?

In a new neighborhood, what types of communication would you look or listen for and how would it help you? What type(s) of communication seem most important? Why?

What ideas do you have for improving the communication in your neighborhood? Explain your thinking.

Record (write and draw) your thinking and/or share your ideas with others. What do they think? How do their ideas compare to

Extension activities

Make a chart and record the frequency of the different types of communication you observe. What type of chart would help you make sense of the data you recorded? How can you display (histogram, bar chart, dot plot, etc.) the information in order to share it with others? What would work best with the data you gathered? Give it a try.

Draw or sketch your neighborhood, including all the types of communication you observed. Use speech bubbles to include the sounds you heard.

your favorite songs? what do you like about it?

Why is it your favorite, or one of

How does this song make you

feel? Why?

Who would you recommend this song to? Why might they like it? How would you recommend it? What would you say?

Draw a sketch or picture to go with your song. Explain how your sketch/picture is a good representation of your song.

Record (write and/or draw) your thinking and/or talk with others.

Grades 9-12

What do you notice about the song?

How does this song make you feel? Why?

Plan for building a playlist by making a list of some of your favorite songs. What songs would you include and why? Explain your thinking.

What would you title your playlist? Why did you choose that title? What family members or friends might enjoy your playlist? Why do you think they would enjoy listening to it?

Think of a family member or friend. Plan a playlist for them that would encourage them or help them remember a special event or time.

Share your ideas for your playlists with others. What do they think? How do their thoughts and ideas compare to yours?

Extension activities

Check out Read Alouds done to a beat! Here is a great one by Wes Tank who raps Dr. Seuss' "Fox in Sox" to the beats of Dr. Dre: https://bit.ly/FoxinSox (This safe and family friendly link to the video has been provided by SafeYouTube.)

Perform your song for someone in your home. Try recording your song using a device such as a cellphone or tape recorder. Play your song back. Try playing the song at different speeds. How does the speed of the song change the listening experience? Did your song sound better at one speed than another?

in the day?

What other questions do you have about shadows?

Scientists organize and make sense of their observations so they can share their thinking with other people. Sometimes data can be organized by making a table or a graph. Decide how data from your observations can be shared with others and then give it a try.

Grades 9-12

After you trace the shadow of your object, think about what would happen if you picked up the paper and moved the setup somewhere else, say a block away.

Would the shadow move or be in the same place?

Draw a model that explains your answer. If you are able to do so safely, give it a try.

Did the results match your prediction?



Extension activities

Create shadow art. Trace the shadows of objects and then color them. Use multiple objects at once to create shadow scenes.

Use your body to cast a silly shadow. Use chalk to trace the shadows onto the sidewalk.

Look for shadows cast around your neighborhood. Observe the relationship between the length of the shadow and the height of the object. Bring something to measure with, such as a ruler or a tape measure. What do you notice? Is there a pattern or relationship between the height of objects and the shadows they cast? Does this relationship change throughout the day?

yours?