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Decode Squirrel Behavior

What wild animal is easy to spot and does all sorts of things that are fun to watch? Squirrels! Develop your observational skills while watching these scampering rodents.

Directions

- Go outside to an area where you can watch for squirrels. Depending on where you live, you might look for tree squirrels (such as red squirrels or flying squirrels) or ground squirrels. Take some time to observe the animals.
- 2. Record your observations on the observation sheet. (You can access this page digitally, print it out, or copy it onto your own paper.) Draw or write about the behaviors you see and hear inside the circles.
- 3. Act like a squirrel! Imitate each squirrel behavior you see after you record it. What do you notice?

Materials

- Pencil or pen
- Paper (optional)

Questions

- How many different behaviors do you observe?
- How do these behaviors help squirrels survive?



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