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Ruff was in Hawaii organizing a challenge for the show's contestants. Blossom made arrangements for him to take surfing lessons, attend a luau featuring pineapple-liver shakes, and go on a hiking tour of an active volcano! But when Ruff climbed to the top of the volcano, he froze in fear—what if poisonous gas and lava suddenly started spewing out?

**Help Wanted!** Hire a scientist to join Ruff on his volcano tour. Take along some equipment to explore volcanoes.

Henry sent Ruff on a trip to do research for a show about swamps. The swamp guide pointed out different types of native plants, and paused when they got to the Venus flytrap. She said it was a carnivorous plant that catches and digests animal prey. "ANIMAL PREY?!?!?!" Ruff screamed in panic, "GET ME OUTTTTTTA HEEEERE!!!!!!!"

**Help Wanted!** Hire a scientist who knows what Venus flytraps eat. Pick up some equipment to examine carnivorous plants.

Ruff decided to go on a long camping trip and wondered what kind of weather he would face. Since he'd be out in the wilderness, he couldn't flip on his favorite TV weather report every morning. Would there be heavy winds? Scorching heat? Unbearable humidity? Even worse—would it rain cats and dogs?!

**Help Wanted!** Hire a scientist to give Ruff a crash course on weather prediction. What kind of equipment will they use?

Ruff was in a Hollywood director's office, trying to land a movie role (or, at the very least, a cinnamon roll). He fell asleep in the waiting room, and had a crazy dream about being trapped inside a gigantic milkshake-making machine. But when he woke up, he realized it wasn't just a dream—the building was really shaking!

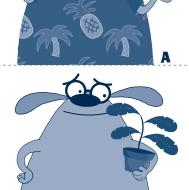
**Help Wanted!** Hire a scientist to tell Ruff what's causing the building to shake. Pick up some equipment to investigate what happened.

Ruff and Blossom were hiking in Montana when Ruff spotted a half-buried object. He dug it up, thrilled to discover a huge bone! "Hot diggity dog!" he cried, "I could gnaw on this tasty specimen for years!" Before he could sink his teeth into it, Blossom grabbed it, saying this was no ordinary bone—it was the kind that belongs in the Jurassic exhibit of a museum!

**Help Wanted!** Hire a scientist to help Ruff and Blossom look for more bones. Pick up some equipment they can use while exploring.

Ruff wanted to romance Charlene, the poodle next door, and finally win her over. He had everything he needed for a fancy, romantic dinner under the moonlight—flowers, soft music, and heart-shaped liver cupcakes. But there was one big problem. There was no moonlight—there was no moon whatsoever!

**Help Wanted!** Hire a scientist to help Ruff find out why he can't see the moon and when he'll see it again! Collect equipment for learning about the night sky.











Ruff liked the sound of the word *spelunking*. He had no idea what it meant, but it sure sounded fun! Soon, he found himself exploring a deep, dark cave—so *that* was what spelunking was all about! Ruff didn't know a stalactite from a stalagmite, a rock from a mineral, or much of anything about caves—but he was right about it being fun!

**Help Wanted!** Hire a scientist to tell Ruff all about the rock formations in the cave, and take along equipment to help them explore.

When Ruff was a puppy, he used to doggy-paddle in a stream near Grandma Ruffman's house. He loved to admire his reflection in the clear water and watch the frogs and sunfish play. But when he went back as a grown-up pooch to visit the stream, Ruff saw fewer creatures and noticed the water had an odd color and smell—could it be polluted?

**Help Wanted!** Hire a scientist to help Ruff find out what's wrong with the stream, and pick up equipment to test the water.

Ruff was thrilled to be invited along on a deep-sea submarine expedition by old Captain Saltydog. Their mission was to explore the ecosystems of dogfish and catsharks. WHAT?! Did somebody say CATSHARKS?! Ruff thought cats were bad enough, but the idea of catsharks made him shudder!

**Help Wanted!** Hire a scientist to help Ruff learn about life in the ocean, and pick up some equipment for his underwater journey.

While Ruff was on an African photo safari, he stumbled upon a litter of adorable cheetah cubs (yes, even a dog had to admit they were adorable!). They were mewing and seemed upset. Ruff didn't want to leave them—what if they needed his protection? But what if the mother cheetah came back . . . and decided Ruff would make a tasty lunch?!

**Help Wanted!** Hire a scientist to help Ruff observe the cubs, and take some equipment along to help with the situation.

Ruff decided it was time for a beauty makeover. He whipped up a cream made out of baby oil, hydrogen peroxide, coffee grounds, glue, and garlic paste. He covered himself in it from head to paw, convinced he'd soon have soft, silky fur. But the potion wouldn't wash off, and Ruff ended up a sticky, goopy, smelly mess!

**Help Wanted!** Hire a scientist to safely remove the goop from Ruff, and pick up equipment to make a new mixture to undo the damage to his fur.

Ruff was reading a book about insects and learned that there are more than a *million* different species. That made Ruff pretty nervous—there were so MANY of these critters! And some had really odd names, like Ambush Bug, Spittle Bug, Ant Lion, and Stink Bug. He didn't know what to think—were they friend or foe, cute or creepy?

**Help Wanted!** Hire a scientist to tell Ruff all about insects, and pick up equipment so they can explore the ones living in Ruff's backyard.





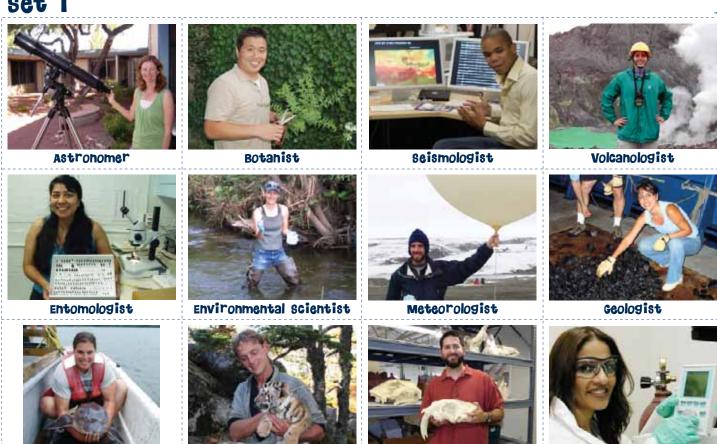






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## set 1



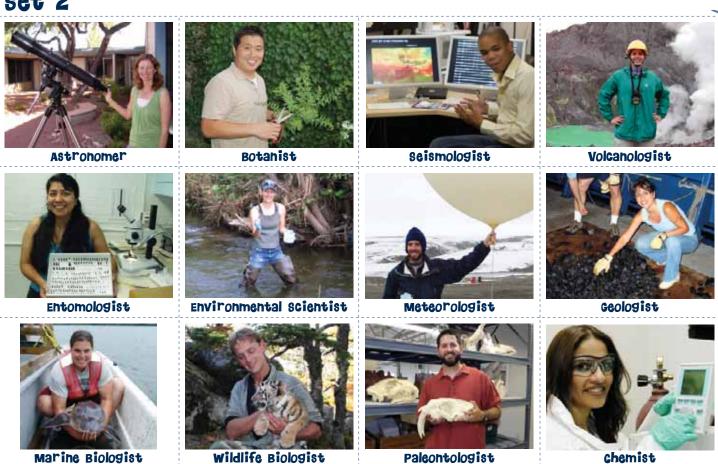
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Wildlife Biologist

set 2

Marine Biologist





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<b>Geologist</b> explores the earth	<b>Meteorologist</b> explores weather	Environmental Scientist explores the environment	<b>Entomologist</b> explores insects
<b>Chemist</b> explores chemical reactions	<b>Paleontologist</b> explores prehistoric fossils	<b>Wildlife Biologist</b> explores wild animals	<b>Marine Biologist</b> explores ocean life

























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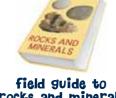


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field guide to marine life



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field guide to rocks and minerals







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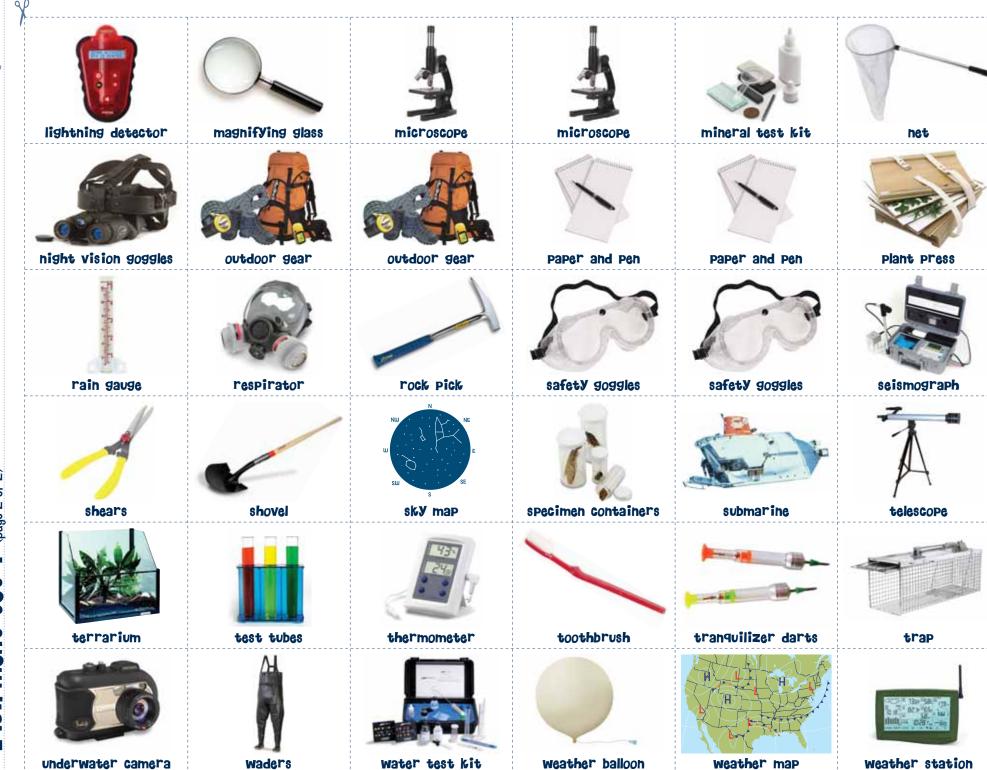






helicopter

<b>biohazard suit</b> protects against dangerous chemicals and gasses	<b>binoculars</b> magnifies distant objects	<b>binoculars</b> magnifies distant objects	<b>barometer</b> measures air pressure to forecast weather	aquatic net catches aquatic life	animal tracking device tracks animals in the wild
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<b>crowbar</b> to pry something loose, like a rock	<b>COMPUTER</b> for collecting data and conducting research	<b>COMPUTER</b> for collecting data and conducting research	climbing rope to climb mountains, caves, trees, etc.	<b>camera</b> takes photographs	<b>camera</b> takes photographs
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field guide to mammals illustrated book of mammals	<b>field guide to fossils</b> illustrated book of fossils	<b>field guide to insects</b> illustrated book of insects	<b>dynamite</b> to blow things apart, like large rocks	<b>diving gear</b> to swim and breathe in deep water	dissecting kit to cut apart and examine organisms
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heat-resistant gloves protects hands from heat	<b>headlamP</b> hands-free flashlight	<b>harness</b> provides safety while climbing	<b>GPS</b> instrument for navigation	<b>GPS</b> instrument for navigation	<b>funnel</b> for pouring substances into containers
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insect aspirator to suction up and collect small insects	Hubble space telescope large telescope that records images in space	<b>hiking boots</b> sturdy shoes for hiking or for rough terrain	<b>helmet</b> head protection	<b>helmet</b> head protection	helicopter for transport to out-of- the-way places
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<b>net</b> to catch birds, insects, or animals	mineral test kit identifies hardness and color of minerals	microscope magnifies objects too small to be seen by the naked eye	microscope magnifies objects too small to be seen by the naked eye	magnifying glass makes small objects easier to see	lightning detector indicates lightning speed and severity
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<b>Plant Press</b> flattens and preserves plants	Paper and pen to record data and observations	Paper and pen to record data and observations	<b>outdoor gear</b> for camping and hiking	<b>outdoor gear</b> for camping and hiking	<b>night Vision goggles</b> to see in the dark
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seismograph measures earthquakes	safety goggles protect eyes	safety goggles protect eyes	<b>rock Pick</b> breaks apart rock	respirator prevents inhaling poisonous gas	rain gauge measures the amount of rainfall
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<b>telescope</b> makes stars and planets easier to see	<b>submarine</b> takes scientists deep under the ocean	<b>specimen containers</b> hold collected samples	<b>sky map</b> shows positions of the stars	<b>shovel</b> lifts and moves dirt, snow, etc.	<b>shears</b> for clipping samples, like plants
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<b>trap</b> captures live animals	tranquilizer darts put animals temporarily to sleep	<b>toothbrush</b> brushes delicate surfaces	thermometer measures temperature	<b>test tubes</b> hold material for testing or experiments	<b>terrarium</b> holds small plants or animals
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weather station records data about the weather	weather map shows weather conditions	<b>weather balloon</b> carries weather tools into the sky	water test kit tests water quality	<b>waders</b> waterproof gear	underwater camera takes photographs under water
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