

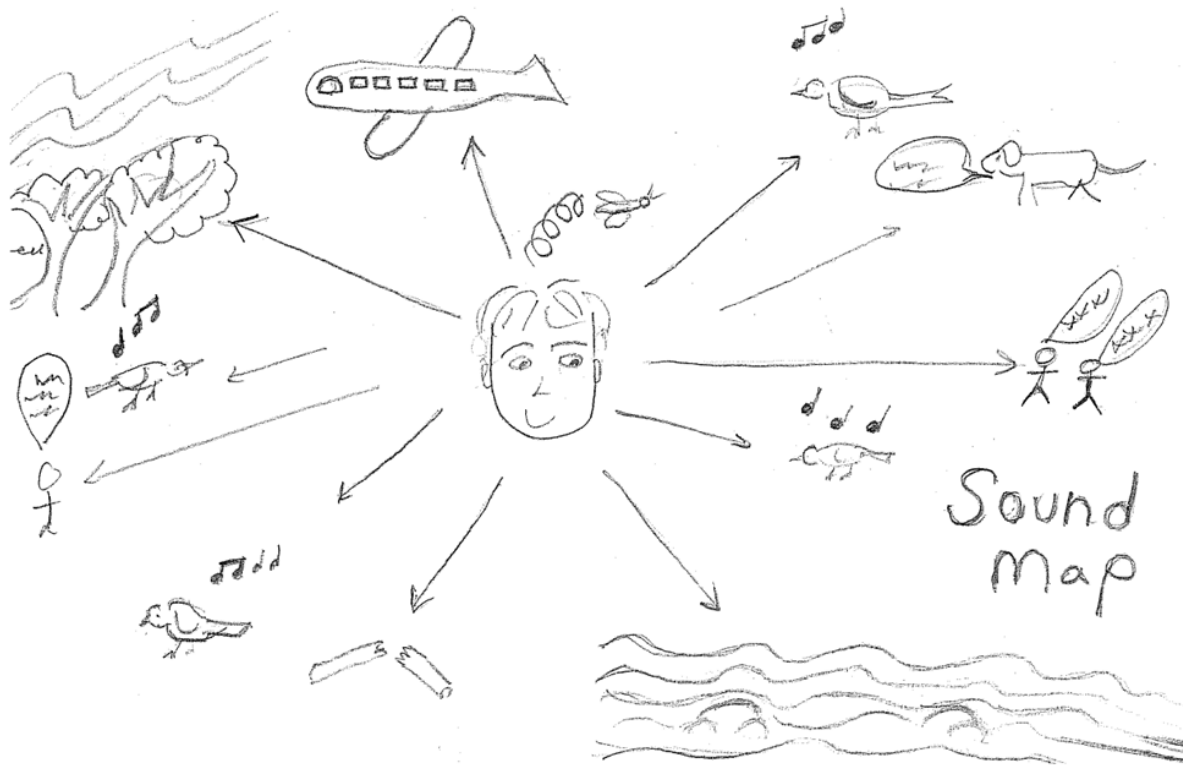


A Nature Hike

On your hike with WildCare's Terwilliger Nature Guides, you will be able to stop and listen to amazing sounds of nature. Some things are much harder to hear during busy days at school, at practice, or at home. Let's compare the sounds of your school yard or classroom with sounds of nature with this **Sound Map** activity.

To start, spread out around the school yard (or classroom) and find a spot to sit quietly. Then, on the other side of this paper, draw what you hear all around you. You can use symbols or words to describe the sounds. Use arrows to show what direction the sound is coming from. Try not to talk or point to other students, so everyone has their own individual Sound Map. After a set time (5-10 minutes), return to the group to discuss what you heard.

Here is a sample Sound Map from out in nature, with the student shown sitting in the center. They heard birds calling, water rushing, people talking, airplanes flying, and a bug buzzing by their head.



Once everyone has finished their Sound Maps, chat with a partner about the sounds you mapped. Which sounds did you hear the most? Were any sounds distracting? What sounds might you hear both around your school and in nature? Are there any sounds you hope to hear on your hike?



Sound Map

