

## INVESTIGATE: WHAT MINIBEASTS LIVE IN MEADOWS?

Using an identification guide can help us to name the plants or animals they find in a particular area. Guides often have good clear images to help people use them more easily.

Meadow habitats are important for all kinds of minibeasts, for example, those that like to live on flowers and leaves or down on the ground. Many mini-beasts can live in meadows because of the plant biodiversity (number of different plants) found there.



Complete the activities below

### ACTIVITY 1

Working in groups make a list of all the minibeasts you can think of. Then select eight to put in a BUNGO CHART like we have done. Why not search for an image of your mini-beast and put that in your bungo chart?

My Bungo Chart	
Ant	Earthworm
Grasshopper	Butterfly
Earwig	Snail
Woodlouse	Bumblebee



- Now you're ready to go and explore a meadow. Mark off each minibeast as you find them and then shout "bungo" when you have found all eight of your minibeasts.
- Alternatively: You could read Emma Dodd's "I love bugs" and mark off minibeasts as you come across them and shout "bungo"
- Things to think about: look at the timeline which shows the number of minibeasts in meadows throughout the year.

### Discuss

- \* When do you think it would be hardest to play BUNGO and why?
- \* Why do you think there are more minibeasts in the meadow at certain times of the year than at others?

**Save our Magnificent Meadows** is the UK's largest partnership project transforming the fortune of vanishing wild flower meadows, grasslands and wildlife. Led by Plantlife, the partnership is made up of 11 organisations and is primarily funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund.

