

## Observation Station

Let's do some observations! You can observe anything – a plant, an animal, a fungus like a mushroom – whatever you would like to look at more closely.

What we're looking at is a **specimen**. A specimen is an object (such as an animal, plant, rock, or mineral), that we can learn from.

Start with **observing**. This means that we look carefully, we listen for any sounds, and we sniff for any smells. Observing can help us learn more.

Here are some questions to help start observing:



What shape is your specimen?

What colour is it? Does it look rough or smooth?

Does it have eyes, a nose, or a mouth?

Can your specimen move around? How? Does it use wings, legs, or something else?

Are there any special parts to your specimen?

Where did you find it? What is its **habitat**?

A habitat is the home of certain plants and animals. Some examples of habitats are forests, deserts, mountains and oceans.

Try **drawing** your specimen in the space provided (you can include the habitat too!):

Take a closer look and draw a **characteristic** of your specimen. A characteristic is a special quality you can observe:

