

Community Interview

Science is only one way of learning about the world! Interviewing someone in your community can help you build a better understanding of the role that plants play in our lives.

Location: In your home or community

Length of Time: 30 minutes

What You'll Do

During this investigation, you'll use your science journal to plan an interview with someone who knows a lot about plants. Once you're ready, interview your plant expert!

You will learn to...

- Plan interview questions.
- Interview someone in your community to learn more about plants.

What You'll Need

- A science journal.** This can be a notebook, a notepad, a document on a tablet or phone, or even paper folded together!
- Something to write with.** Markers, crayons, or colored pencils are optional.

Directions

1. Visit Crystal Cove Conservancy's website to watch Erick introduce the task: crystalcove.org/community-interview/
2. Decide who you want to interview. This could be someone who knows something about gardening, cooking, woodworking, medicinal plants, local plants in your community, or something else!
3. In your science journal, start a new entry for your interview. Write the person's name and their connection to plants (gardener, cook, etc.) at the top of the page.
4. Write down three things that you wonder related to their interest in plants. Use your "I wonder" sentences to plan 4-5 interview questions. Record these in your science journal.
5. With your parents, plan a safe way to interview your person! If they live outside your household, you might interview them over the phone, on Zoom, or outdoors while maintaining social distance.
6. When you're ready, conduct your interview and see what you can learn!

Questions to ask while you're sharing:

- What did you learn? Were there any new ideas about plants that your person shared during the interview?
- Are there any new questions that you have now?

Want to do more?

- Come up with three things you learned from your interview to share with your fellow plant scientists
- Find someone else in your family or community that uses plants in a different way. Plan an interview with them, too!

Share your science journal with us on social media! Post a photo of your observations on Facebook or Instagram using the hashtag #crystalcovescience!