

Museum Tour Guide

An activity of "A Nature Museum Prepares to Move House".

Read "A Nature Museum Prepares to Move House (page 18-19, *What's Up* May 2024). Then, complete this activity with the help of the Nature History Museum of London's website. Before you start, browse through the website at <https://www.nhm.ac.uk/>. Work in pairs.

1. What is the one exhibit that interests you the most? What is it about? Which specimens or artifacts does it showcase?

2. Choose your favourite specimen from the museum's collection. What do you find fascinating or unique about it?

3. Sketch your chosen specimen and write a detailed description of it.

- As you sketch the specimen, take note of its physical characteristics:
 - its size (*approximate metric measurements*)
 - shape (*e.g. rounded, elongated, flat, etc*)
 - features (*take note of any distinctive features or markings*)
 - texture (*e.g. feathery, leathery, spikey, etc*)
- Use resources from the museum website to gather additional information about the specimen's scientific classification, scientific importance, or other useful details.
- Write a detailed description of the specimen using the template below. Include any other information that is interesting or relevant:
 - Time period (*the era when the specimen lived, especially if it is now extinct*)
 - Location (*which parts of the world it can be found, where it was discovered*)
 - Habitat (*description of the place it lives*)
 - Behaviour (*the lifestyle or living patterns of the specimen*)

