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Look Again! Hidden Pictures in Nature

An activity of "Wild Russia from above"

Browse through "Wild Russia from above" (pages 14–15, *What's Up* August 2026) to enjoy photographer Alexey Kharitonov's work. He uses drones to capture remote landscapes in Russia from the air.

1. Study the photographs and descriptions in the article. Then, complete this table.

Photograph	It is actually...	It reminds me of...
e.g. Full moon	A mound of dry grass.	A full moon over a pine forest.
Znamenskoe Swamp		
Mukhinskoye Swamp		
Svetlyachkovskoye Swamp		
Taymylyr		

2. Take a slow walk around the school with a partner. Look carefully at plants, buildings, clouds, drains, leaves, and everything else around you. Your challenge is to discover THREE ordinary things that remind you of something completely different. They may remind you of, for example, a heart, a face, a dragon, a star, and so on. There are no right or wrong answers. So, it is up to you to imagine what each of your three things resembles.

Some tips to help you see something in a new way:

- Look very closely.
- Look from far away.
- Change your viewing angle.
- Look up, down, all around.
- Notice colours, patterns, textures, shadows, and reflections.

3. Make quick sketches of the three selected things and share your observations.

Quick Sketch	What is it actually?	It reminds me of...

4. A **simile** compares two things using “like” or “as”. For example, “The moss spread like a soft green carpet”. A **metaphor** says one thing is another. For example, “The river is a silver ribbon”. From the three things you chose, select TWO. Now, transform them into similes and metaphors. Try it!

My discovery	Reminds me of...	Simile	Metaphor
e.g. rows of desks	City blocks	The desks stood like buildings in a tiny city.	The classroom was a city of desks.

5. Choose ONE of your similes or metaphors. Turn it into an artwork. Your drawing can be realistic, imaginative or somewhere in between! Include:

- Your illustration
- A title
- Your chosen simile / metaphor neatly written underneath

6. Display your artwork. Walk around the classroom and admire your classmates’ work!