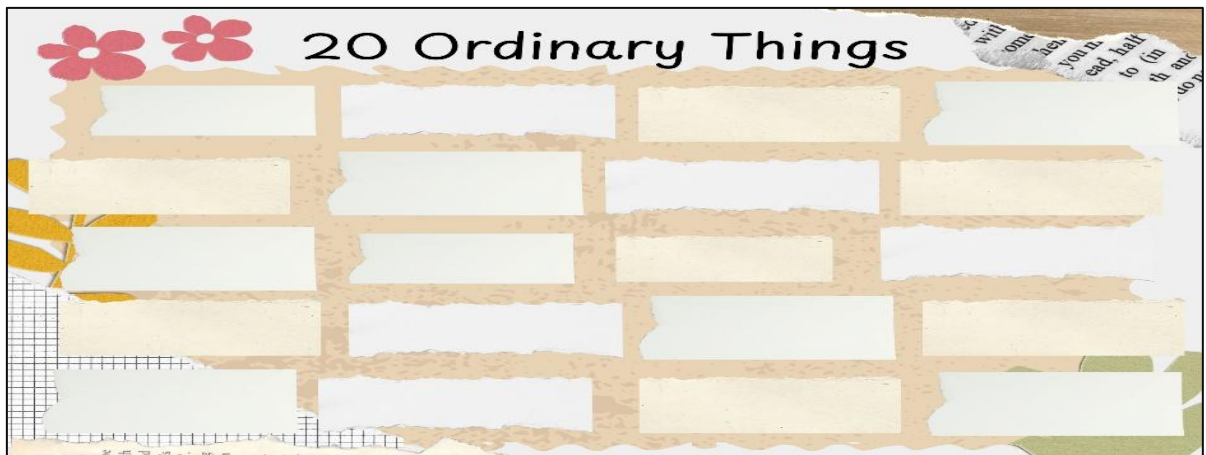


Before It Disappears

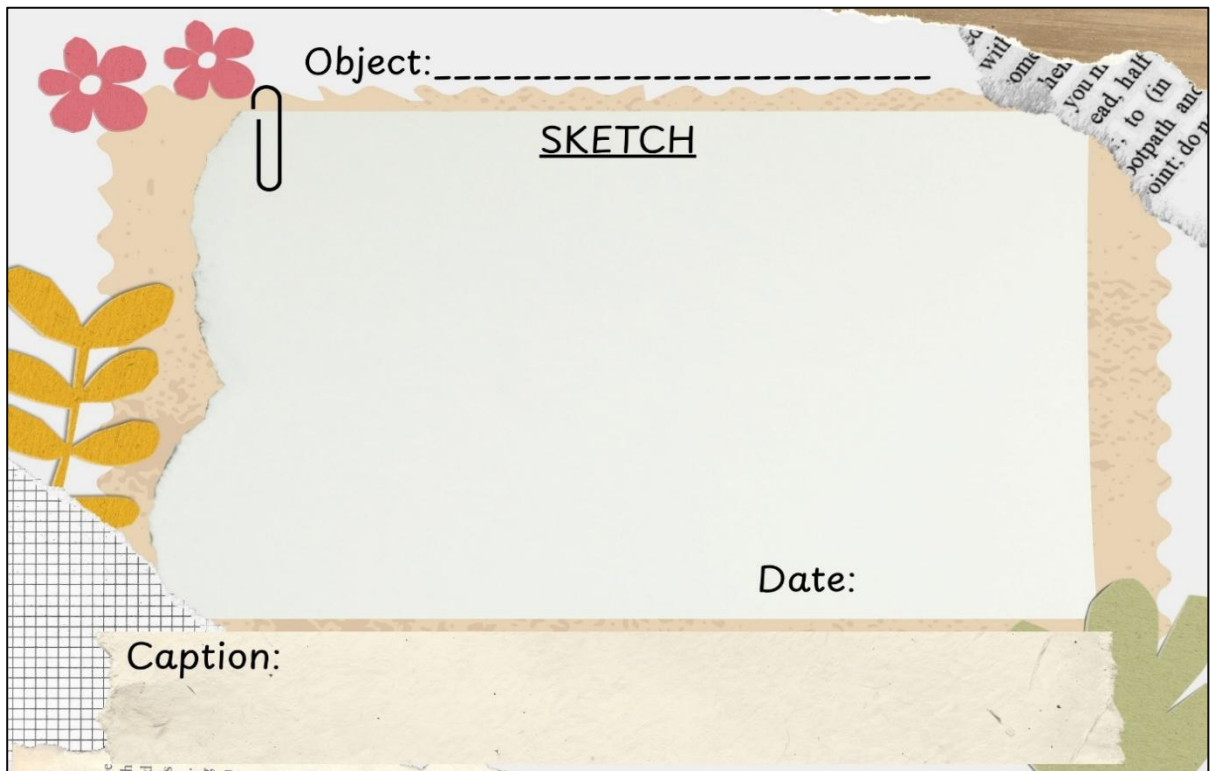
An activity of "Night sights"

Read "Night sights" (page 20–21, *What's Up*, October 2026). The story is about photographers Adar Ng and Dave Lim documenting Singapore's disappearing yellow street lights. Their work reminds us that even ordinary things can hold memories. In the same spirit, make a time capsule to preserve memories of your life today.

1. Make a list of 20 ordinary things around you. (e.g. toothbrushes, pens, schoolbags, etc.)



2. Create 20 postcards using this template ↓.



Step 1: Use a separate postcard for each of your 20 items. Draw and colour the items.

Step 2: Write a caption for each one. Describe the object in a sentence or two to remind your future self about something that your drawing does not show (e.g. what you use it for, why it is part of your everyday life, what made you select it).

Step 3: Write a message to your future self by using this template ↓.

Dear Future Me,
Today's date is _____
I made this time capsule because

The ordinary thing here that I think you might be most surprised to see is _____
I wonder if _____
will still exist or look the same in 2030.
When you open this, I hope you remember

See you in 2030!

Step 4: Build your time capsule. Place your 20 sheets in a capsule e.g. a large envelope, bottle, or can. Seal it well. You may also decorate the time capsule with small drawings that represent your life today.

Step 5: Complete this label →. Cut it out and stick it on your time capsule.

- Put away your time capsule in a safe, dry place.
- Remember to open your time capsule in 2030!** Then, share your thoughts when you see parts of your life from 2026 — email letters@whatsup.sg.

My 2026 Visual Time Capsule
Made by: _____
Date sealed: _____
DO NOT OPEN UNTIL 2030!