

# What if we couldn't smell things?



## Science topics:

Animals, including humans, Living things and their habitats, Evolution and inheritance

## Run the activity

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1. In pairs, discuss what might be a Plus, Minus and Interesting way to think about the question. Stuck for ideas? They could think about:

- What do you use your nose for?
- What smells are nice and what smells are horrible?
- How do smells help us day-to-day?
- What could we use instead of smells?

2. Ask the children to share their partner's ideas then encourage a broader discussion as a class, remember there is no wrong or right answer!

## Background science

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Smell is one of the five senses, the other four are sight, hearing, touch and taste. Our noses are designed to help us smell things around us. Smells can help alert us to dangers such as smoke from a fire or the smell of rotten food, and they can help us better experience the world around us.