

## GETTING READY

# TRACK MATCHING

Muskrat      Deer      Squirrel      Raccoon      Chipmunk

This activity shows five animal illustrations at the top, each with a colored dot. Below them are five boxes containing different types of tracks, each with a colored border. Colored lines connect the animals to their respective tracks: Muskrat (green) to the green-bordered box with two pairs of dark, oval tracks; Deer (orange) to the orange-bordered box with four sets of hoof prints; Squirrel (red) to the red-bordered box with four sets of small, five-toed paw prints; Raccoon (dark red) to the red-bordered box with four sets of paw prints, including a larger one labeled 'Right hind' and a smaller one labeled 'Right fore'; and Chipmunk (blue) to the blue-bordered box with two sets of tracks, one showing a distinct claw and a tail drag.

# SCAT MATCHING

Fox      Raccoon      Rabbit      Deer

This activity shows four animal illustrations at the top, each with a colored dot. Below them are four boxes containing different types of scat, each with a colored border. Colored lines connect the animals to their respective scat: Fox (green) to the green-bordered box with two long, cylindrical scat pieces; Raccoon (orange) to the orange-bordered box with several small, round scat pieces; Rabbit (red) to the red-bordered box with a long, flat, ribbon-like scat piece; and Deer (blue) to the blue-bordered box with several small, round scat pieces.

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## SCAT RAP

Starts with an “S”, ends with a “T”  
It comes out of you, and it comes out of me,  
I know what you’re thinking, but don’t call it that,  
Be scientific and call it SCAT.

If you wanna find out what animals eat,  
Take a good look at what they excrete.  
Stuck in the scat are all kinds of clues,  
Parts of the food that their bodies can’t use.

Down by the creek on a hollow log,  
Scat full of berries and bones of frogs.  
Fresh last night he was out with the moon,  
Hunting crawdads, it was Mr. Raccoon.

You park your car by a wood or field,  
Gonna find scat on your window shield.  
Full of seeds, purple and white  
You just got bombed by a bird in flight.

If you wanna know what’s in the woods or around,  
Take a good long look at the scat on the ground.  
It tells us what they eat and tells us who they are,  
And that’s what we know about scat so far.

