

What is Nature? What is Natural?

Phase 1 - Individual Reflection (10 minutes)

Before discussing with your partner, try writing down a definition of nature and a definition of natural.

Phase 2 - Pair Classification (25 minutes)

With your partner, classify each item into one of four categories. Place items you disagree about or find difficult in the central 'Contested' zone.

NATURE NATURAL	NOT NATURE NATURAL
NOT NATURE	NOT NATURE

CONTESTED ZONE

Phase 3 - Reflection Questions (15 minutes)

1. What criteria did you use to decide?

2. Where did you disagree? Why?

3. Did anything make you change your mind during the exercise, when comparing yourself with your colleague?

Classification Cards

A forest planted by humans 100 years ago	A wild boar living in a city park	Honey from bees
The Amazon rainforest	A river that has been diverted and channeled	Bottled mineral water
A coral reef damaged by warming	Laboratory-grown meat	Your own body
A golden retriever	A wolf	A garden tomato
Mount Everest (with climbing routes and debris)	A wooden table	Penicillin
A child born through IVF	Rain falling on Milan	The COVID-19 virus
Olive oil	An organic apple	A vitamin supplement
Woman breast milk	A beaver dam	The Po Delta (formed by human land use)