

DURATION	15 minutes — depends on the length of the trip; - if it works well with your child, take as long as you want and repeat as often as you wish
AGE RECOMMENDATION	from 3 years on
KEY WORDS	using one language at a time, natural environment, creative role playing
LANGUAGES OF THE ORIGINAL SOURCE	This activity can be used in any language.
MATERIALS NEEDED	The activity can be used during a family trip to a forest or meadow, even a park. The parent should have a basic knowledge about nature.
AIM OF THE ACTIVITY	To create awareness of using a specific language and develop vocabulary related to nature. To use children's imagination and fantasy.
PREPARATION FOR THE ACTIVITY	The parent must go for a trip with the children. The parent should have some knowledge about nature.
PROCEDURE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The children can pick a role of a fantasy forest creature (e.g. an elf or fairy). But the creature should be connected with one specific language: "I will be an elf and elves only speak Russian". • The children catch the parents in the forest and before the parent is allowed to pass they must answer some questions about the forest or place where the family is. The children should ask questions in the language chosen and parents answer in the same language. The children can ask any question, the only restriction is the language used. • The roles can be changed or the children can become another creature speaking another or the same, language.
SIGNIFICANT BENEFIT OF THE ACTIVITY	The children can ask questions and answers in a given language. This helps develop the structures in that language.
SOURCE OF THE ACTIVITY	<i>Multilingual Families Project</i>