



How to Write a Scientific Label

Labeling of specimens in a museum collection is very important. Labels for our museum collections tell scientists where, when and who found a particular specimen. This information can help scientists know if an animal is extinct from a particular location in the world or it can tell them that an animal or plant is moving into a habitat that it had not been in previously.

Know before you begin

- This activity can be done inside or outside
- All supplies are easy to find, substitute or leave out entirely
- Adult supervision is recommended
- Please choose a safe space to play

Materials

- Paper and markers
- Specimens you have found in your collection

Instructions

1. Use paper and markers to make labels for objects you have found.

Example label

ANSDU#	Family:
Scientific Name:	
Locality:	
Collector:	
Date of Capture:	
Donor:	

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