Explore and learn with photography

Kew-in-focus

Useful plants
Why do people need plants?

Explore Kew or a local natural area such as a park. Can you find any plants that are useful to people?

Find an interesting plant and experiment with different angles to create a unique composition. For example:

• Try sitting down and getting up close to plants, or even look up at trees towering over you.
• Stand over your plants and look straight down to get a birds-eye view.
• Put your camera low to the ground and take photos looking up towards your plant.

Challenge
You can find useful plants all around – even at home in your kitchen cupboard or wardrobe. Use your new skills to take a portrait of the most useful plant you can find.

You can share your photo on social media – let us know the name of the plant and why you think it’s important!

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Photography tips
Use these tips to experiment with composition.

• Use a viewfinder to find new, interesting compositions.
• Place the subject of your photo away from the centre of the image, using the ‘rule of thirds’ to create a more dynamic composition.
• Look through a doorway, or between leaves or branches, to create a second frame within your photo.