

# Explorers Mission: From the Gravel Pit

## Level 2 teacher's version

### 🌿 INTRODUCTION :

La Ballastière is located in Aire-sur-la-Lys. It's a former sand and gravel extraction site that has been transformed into a natural area. Today, it's a peaceful place for walking and recreation, with water features, paths, and a variety of plants and animals. Visitors can stroll, observe nature, and enjoy the tranquil setting.

### 🎯 OBJECTIVES FOR STUDENTS:

The students' task is to go to the markers, where they will find a description, which they must write on their sheet of paper. Once they have finished punching and reconstructing the word on their sheet, the students return to you to receive the definition.

### 🎬 INTRODUCING THE ANIMALS:

**Question number 1: I am a small freshwater fish that lives in schools; I am often found in rivers. What am I? Answer:**

**Roach**

**Anecdote:** it has red and gold scales.



**Station number 2: I am a freshwater fish with red fins who likes ponds and lakes. What am I? Answer: Rottengale**

**Fun fact:** it eats algae and aquatic plants



**Terminal number 3: I am a freshwater fish with a flat, silvery body that is often found in rivers and lakes. Who am I?**

**Answer: Common bream**

**Anecdote:** she has a protractile mouth (she can project it forward and retract it)



**Terminal number 4: I am a freshwater fish related to carp, often golden or silver, that lives in ponds. What am I?**

**Answer: Crucian carp**

**Anecdote:** it is the victim of strong predatory pressure.



**Station number 5: I am a freshwater fish with a dark green, slightly slimy body that lives at the bottom of ponds.**

**What am I? Answer: Tench**

**Anecdote:** The tench heals other species thanks to its slime, which is known for its healing properties.



**Station number 6: I am a freshwater fish with black stripes and red fins. What am I?**

**Answer: Perch**

**Anecdote:** It feeds on worms, crustaceans and insect larvae.



**Terminal number 7: I am a large freshwater fish with big scales that likes ponds. I am an omnivorous fish with pharyngeal teeth (in my throat). Who am I? Answer: Carp**

**Anecdote:** it fertilizes the soil, so it is highly valued for livestock farming.



**Station number 8: I am an amphidromous migratory fish (alternating between fresh and salt water). I am long and meandering. I live in water and can travel very far. What am I? Answer: Eel**

**Anecdote:** the electric eel is not an eel.



**Station number 9: I am a very large freshwater fish with a smooth body and whiskers, which lives in deep rivers.**

**What am I? Answer: Wels catfish. Anecdote: I am nicknamed the "catfish"**

**Terminal number 10: I am a long, pointed freshwater fish, a true predator of ponds and rivers. Who am I? Answer: Pike**

**Fun fact:** it has 500 teeth



**Terminal number 11: I am a small freshwater fish that loves fast-flowing, clear rivers. What am I? Answer: Frog**

**Anecdote:** If it is present in a river, it is often a sign that the water is clean and healthy!



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**Terminal number 12:** I am a small deer with pretty, branching antlers that lives in the forests. Who am I? Answer: Roe deer

**Anecdote:** Roe deer can jump over 2 meters high



**Station number 13:** I am an insect with thin, colorful wings that flies above the water. What am I? Answer: Dragonfly

**Anecdote:** The dragonfly is an excellent hunter



**Terminal number 14:** I live in water, I wriggle, and I will become a mosquito. What am I? Answer: Mosquito larva



**Station number 15:** I am a very small animal that lives in water, also called a "water flea." Who am I? Answer: Daphnia

**Anecdote:** it filters the water



**Correct question number 16:** I am a brightly colored bird that dives into the water to catch fish. Who am I? Answer: Kingfisher



**Station number 17:** I am a water bird with elegant plumage and a small crest on my head. Who am I? Answer: Crested Grebe

**Anecdote:** Great crested grebes perform a magnificent courtship dance on the water



**Station number 18:** I am a rough-skinned amphibian that croaks near ponds and pools. What am I? Answer: Common toad.  
**Fun fact:** Toads spend a lot of time on land and only come into contact with water to reproduce.



**Terminal number 19:** I am a water bird, the male with bright green feathers on my head, and I have a beak. What am I? Answer: Mallard



**Station number 20:** I am a wetland tree with serrated leaves and drooping catkins. What am I? Answer: Alder

**Anecdote:** Its roots can live in very moist soils and even help to enrich the soil.

**Station number 21:** I am a small, agile mammal with a large, bushy tail that climbs trees. What am I? Answer: Squirrel

**Anecdote:** The squirrel hides hundreds of seeds and hazelnuts for the winter.



**Marker number 22:** I am a pond plant with broad, flat leaves and brown, club-shaped flowers. What am I? Answer: Broadleaf Cattail

**Anecdote:** The cattail is sometimes called "sausage reed"

