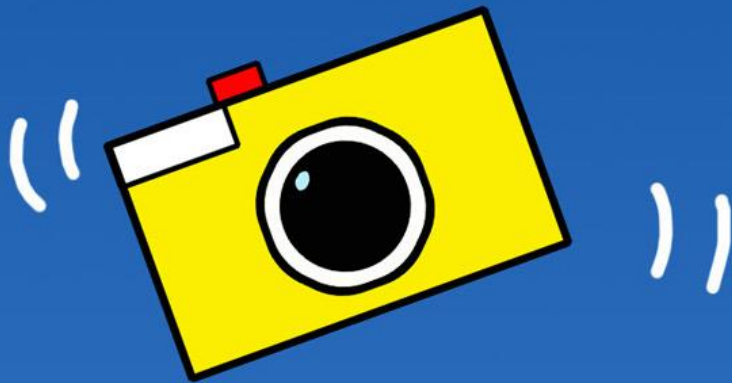


The camera in nature





Hi friends

My name is Betty
and I like
photography.

Today I want to
help you take
better pictures of
nature.

Let's start.



In nature you
can take
pictures of

animals



In nature you
can take
pictures of

animals

plants



In nature you
can take
pictures of

animals

plants

scenery



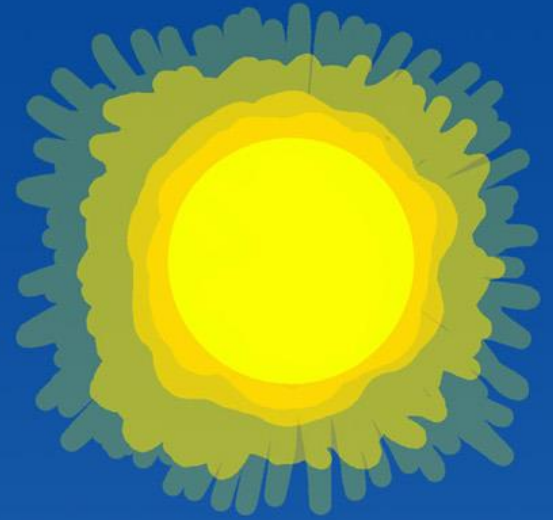
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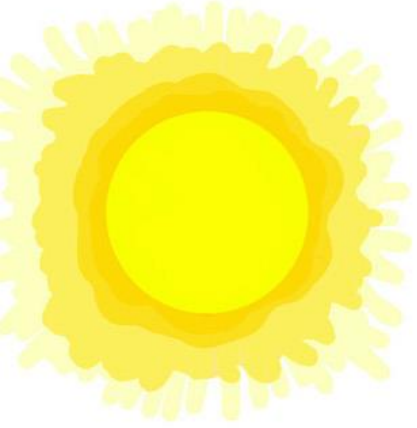
scenery

shapes and colour



In photography,
light is very
important.

The **sun** is the
best light for
taking pictures.



The sun is
behind you.

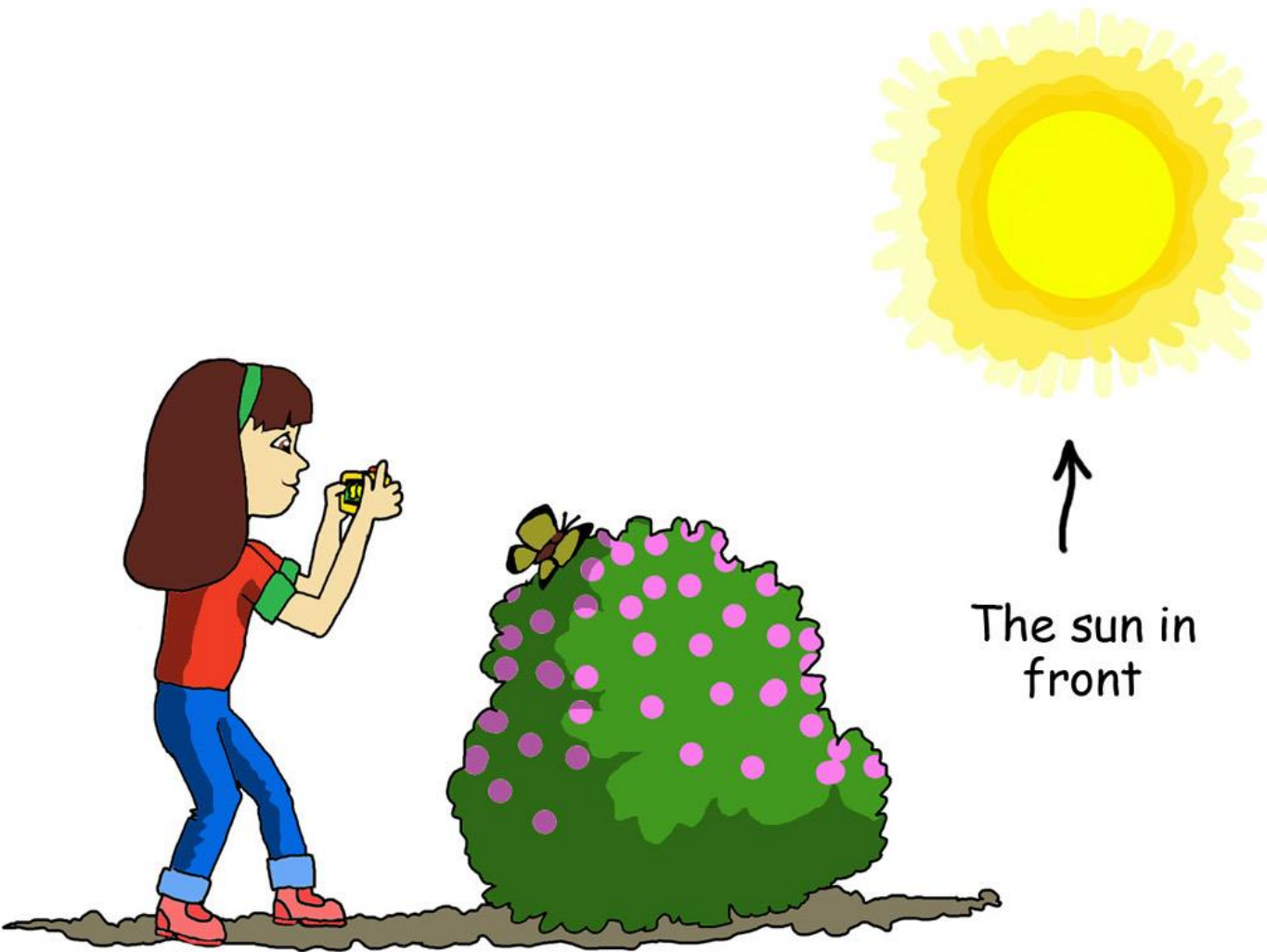


When you take
pictures make
sure that **the
sun is behind
you.**

That's how to
take a nice,
bright picture
of your animal...



... like this
chameleon.



↑
The sun in
front



If you take
a picture with
the sun in front
of you...



... you get this!

Yuck!



The sun behind you



The sun in front



Which is the
best picture?



Many animals
are small.
If we take
their picture
from far away,
they will look
tiny in the
photo.



... like that
ladybird.



That's much
better!



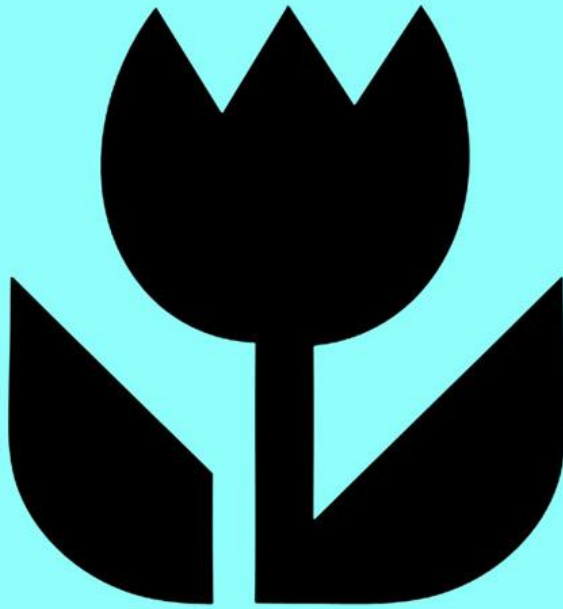
Sometimes
when we go too
near the thing,
the pictures
come out
smudgy like
this.

We say that
the photo is
out of focus.

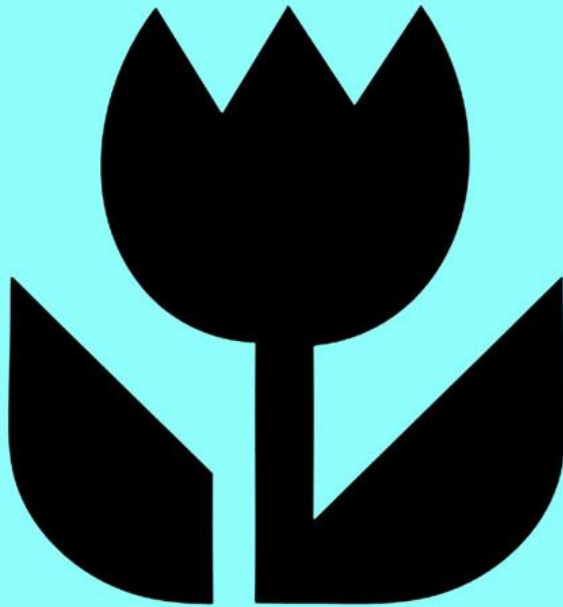


It's not a good
picture, is it?
What can
we do?

There is
a trick!



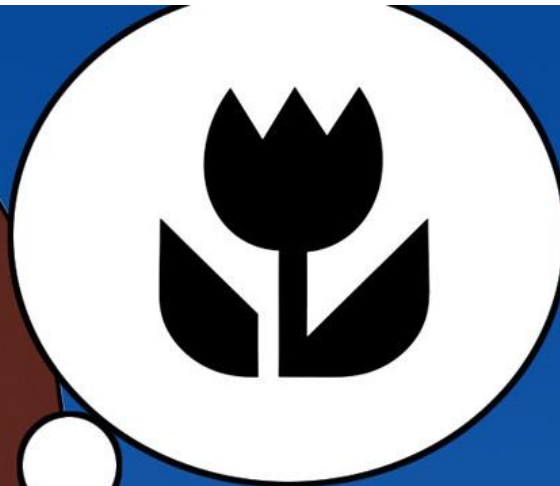
Many cameras
have this little
sign, like a
little flower.



You see it
on a button
or a wheel in
the camera
controls.

We call it the
macro symbol.





To take a good
close-up picture,
set the camera on
macro.

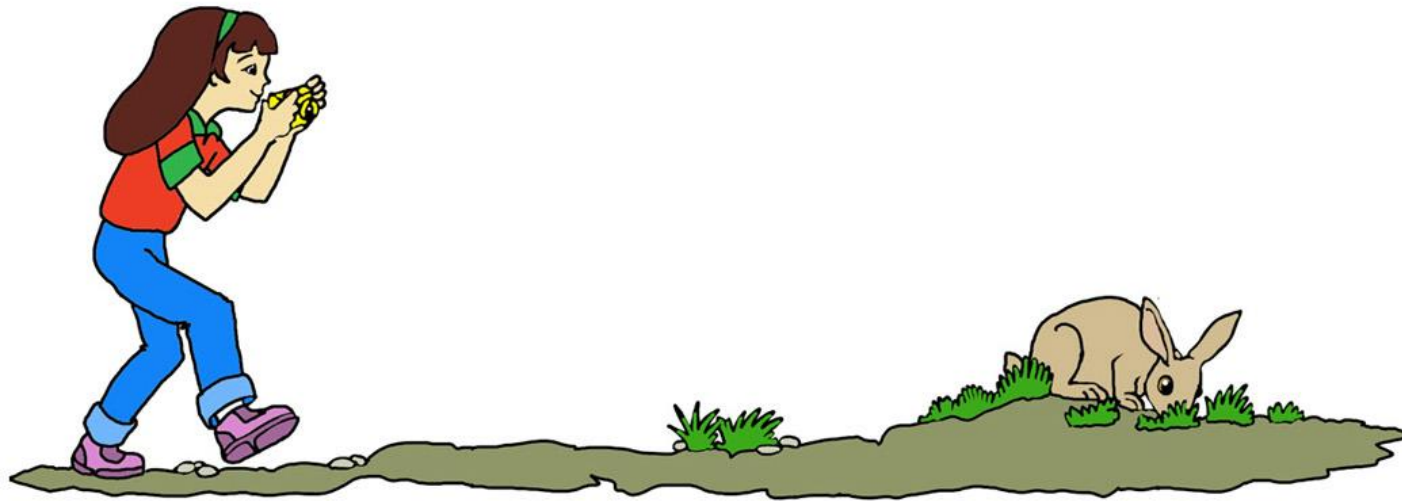
Now take the
picture!



Hey, it's much better now!

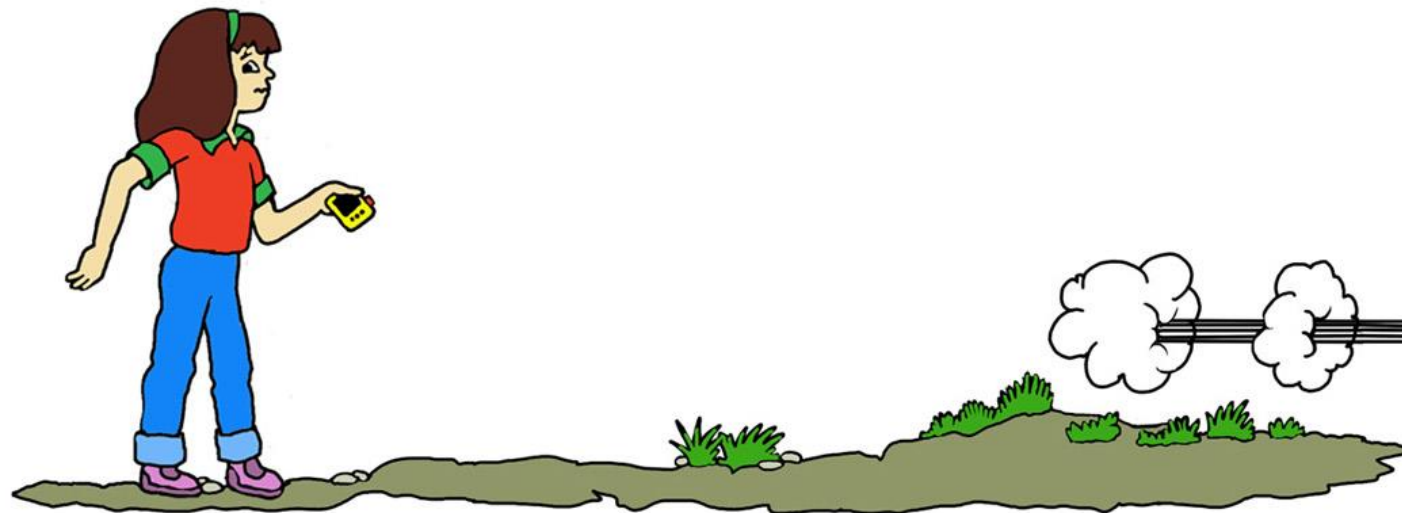
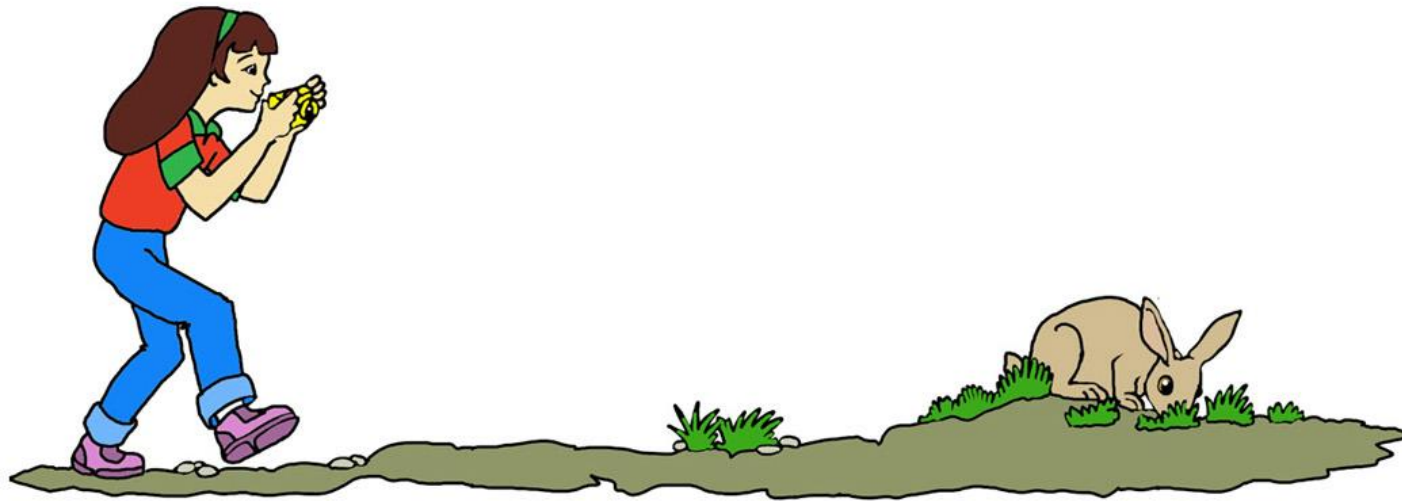
The photo is now **in focus**.

That **macro symbol** is a good idea.



In nature,
animals can be
very hard to
photograph.

When they see
you coming,
many animals...

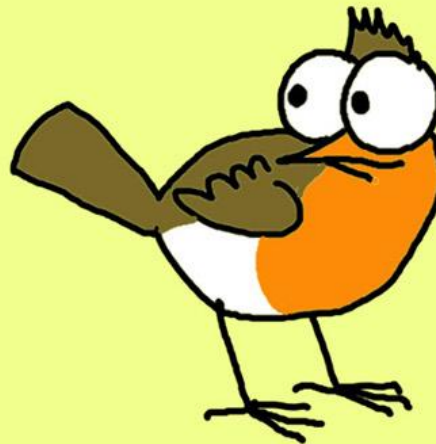


...run away!



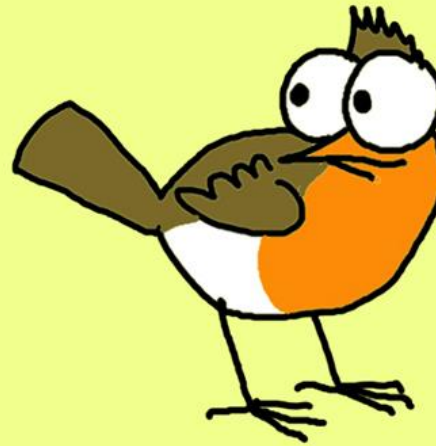
Birds are very shy of people. They won't let you get near them. To take pictures of birds we have to do **two things**.

Psss!



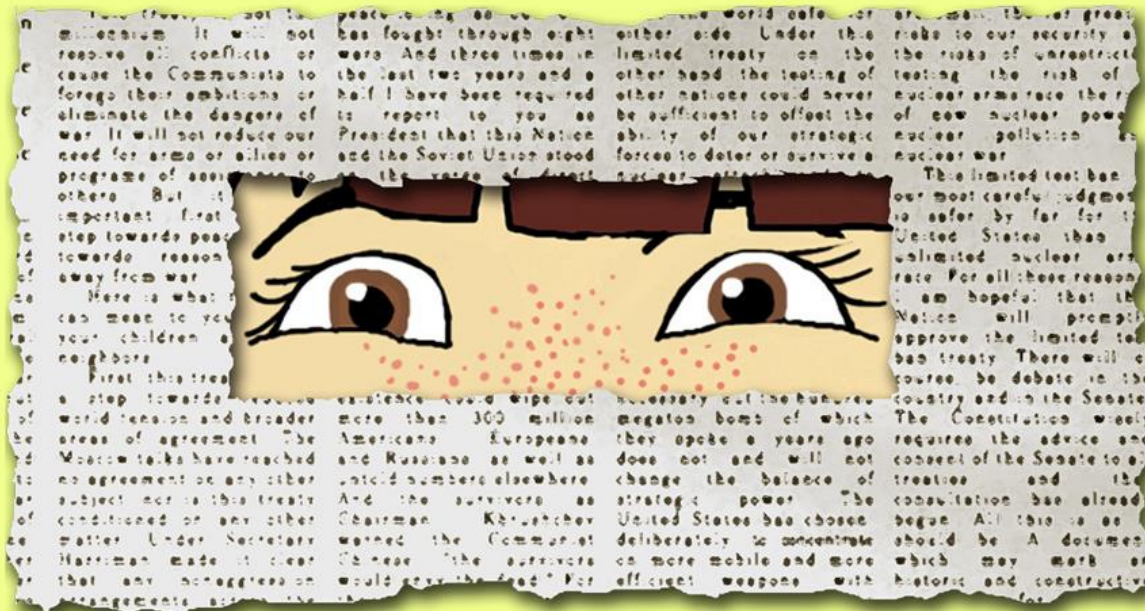
1. Get the
birds to
come near
you.

Psss!



1. Get the birds to come near you.

2. Hide as much as you can.





To get birds near you, the best way is to give them food.

To do this, set up a **bird table**.



Stick a big sheet of paper on the window and poke a hole in the middle. Take pictures through the hole so the birds won't see you.



When you take pictures **keep the camera still.**

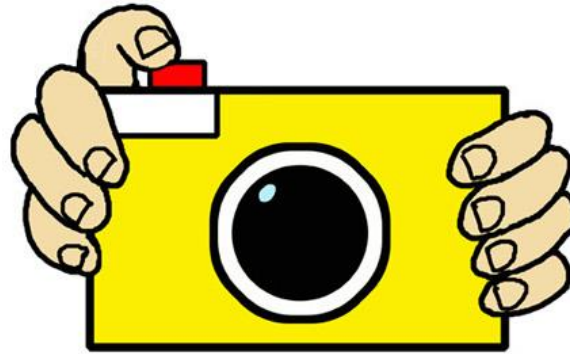
If you don't you'll get photos like this.

Oh no!

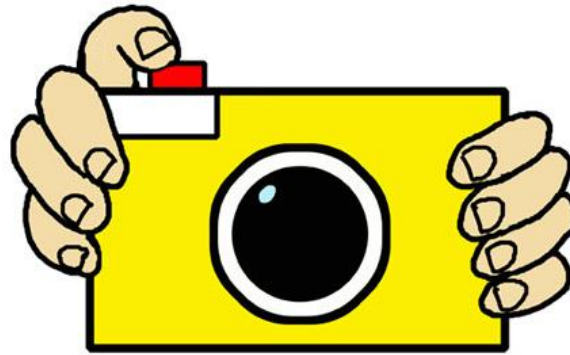


Here's what to do.

1. Don't move. Keep as still as you can when you take the picture.

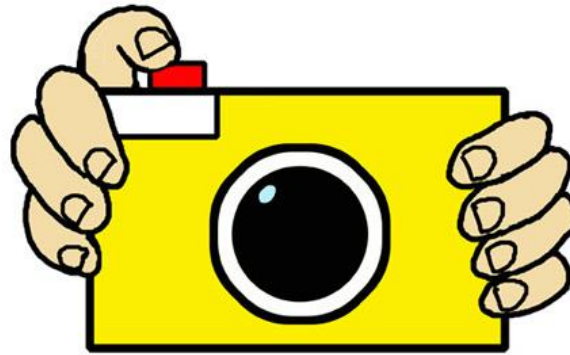


2. Hold the camera with your two hands.



3. If you can,
rest your arm
on something.





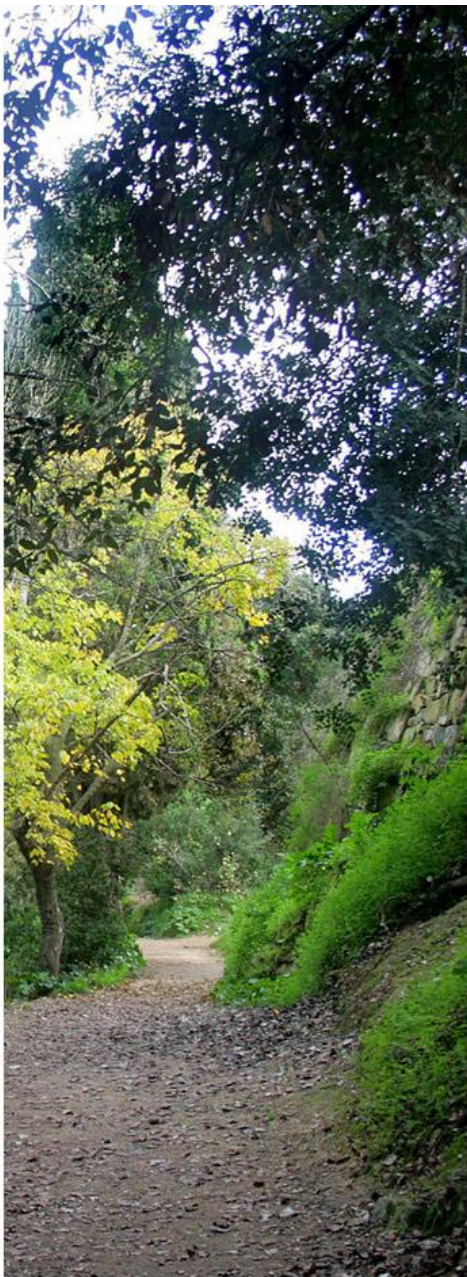
4. Try to find
a day with no
wind.





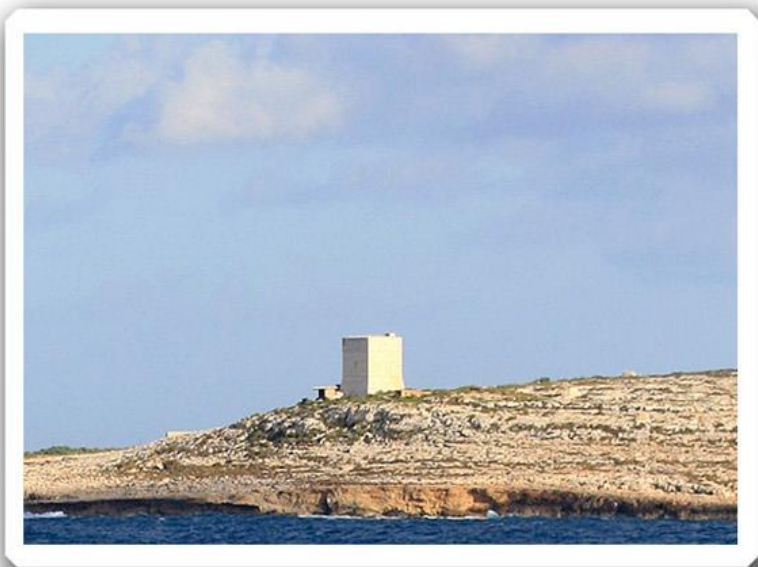
The picture is
okay now.

What a pretty
pink bindweed!



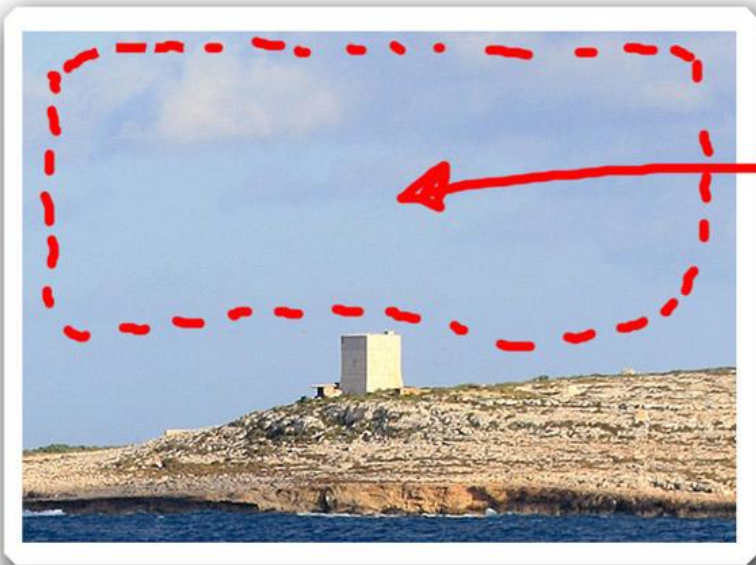
Pictures of
scenery are
nice too.

Here are two
things to help
you take better
pictures of
scenery



Here's a nice
picture of a
tower near the
sea.

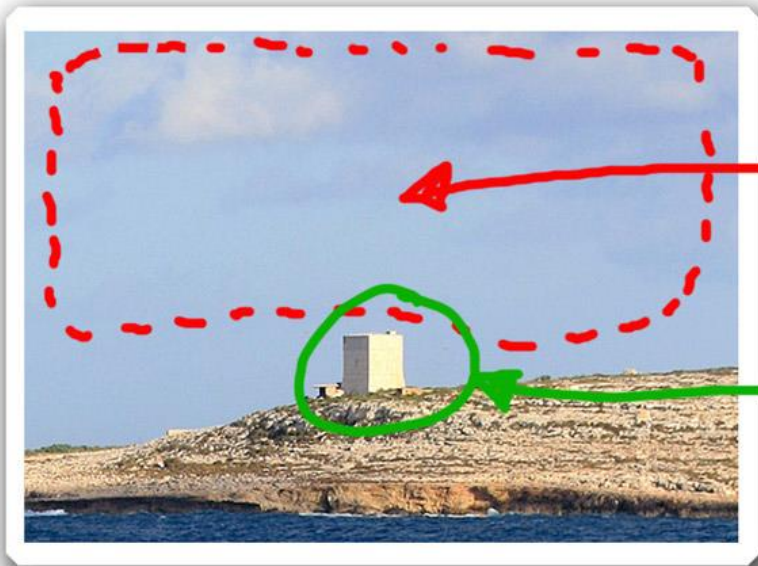
But we can
make it
better...



There is
too much
empty sky!



There are two
mistakes in the
picture.



There is
too much
empty sky!

The tower is
right in
the middle.



There are two
mistakes in the
picture.



← 5/10

10/10 →



In the bottom picture there isn't so much sky, and the tower is a bit at the side. It looks better now, don't you think?



In nature we
see many
interesting
shapes and
colours.

Many of them
are things we
see every day:
clouds, leaves,
soil, branches.





When you take
their picture, it
makes them
special.



When you're
out in the
country, keep
your eyes open
for these
**beautiful
things.**



Now you're expert photographers and you should take part in the Dinja Waħda Activity **Picture It**. That way you can share your nature photographs with everybody.



That's all for today, friends. I hope you had fun with me. I wish you many nice photographs.

Enjoy nature wherever you go, but be careful not to disturb wildlife when you take pictures.

Bye.



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