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 and plants.
In nature you can take pictures of:

- animals
- plants
- scenery
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- 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.
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.
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.
1. Get the birds to come near you.
Pssss!

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.
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.
Trees are Wonderful

Now you're expert photographers and you should take part in the Dinja Wañda 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.