

My Favourite or Nastiest Fungus

Rewind

So far we have discussed the basics of fungi; what they are, their many sizes and shapes, growth, reproduction and conservation issues. Now it's over to you!

► Task: To work in a group of 2 to 5 people and produce a poster which illustrates your favourite or nastiest fungus.

► The best poster wins a prize ◀

Where do we start?

- The first part of your task involves looking for information on the Internet. Six fungal names are provided on the next page along with website addresses you can access from your school computer room.
- The second part involves making the poster. You can present it any way you like (remember the best one gets a prize.)

► Get creative ◀

Your poster **MUST** provide the following information:

- Common and scientific name of your chosen fungus
- A drawing with the structures labelled
- Where and when it is found
- How it feeds - is it a decomposer, saprotroph or parasite?
- Why it is your group's favourite or nastiest fungus



Fungal names

We suggest you look for the following (but that doesn't stop you looking for others...)

1. *Amanita muscaria*

The Fly Agaric

2. *Marasmius oreades*

Fairy Ring Champignon or Fairy Ring Fungus

3. *Phallus impudicus*

Stinkhorn fungus

4. *Piptoporus betulinus*

Bracket Fungus

5. *Amanita pantherina*

The Panther

6. *Aleuria aurantia*

Orange Peel

Websites

www.MushroomExpert.com

Click on 'Site Index.'

www.agarics.org

Click on 'Database.'

www.herbarium.usu.edu

Click on 'Fun Facts about Fungi.'

www.mykoweb.com

Click on 'California Fungi' and then click on 'Species Index.'

www.first-nature.com/funji

Click on 'Identity Parade'

For *Aleuria aurantia* select Ascomycetes.

For *Phallus impudicus* select Gasteromycetes.

For *Amanita muscaria* select Amanitaceae.

For *Amanita pantherina* select Amanitaceae.

For *Piptoporus betulinus* select Poriales.

Table showing our fungus names and where information about them can be found.

Name	Mykoweb	Mush.Expert	Agarics	First-Nature
<i>A. muscaria</i>	+	+	+	+
<i>M. oreades</i>	+	+	+	
<i>Ph. impudicus</i>		+	+	+
<i>P. betulinus</i>		+		+
<i>A. pantherina</i>	+		+	+
<i>Al. aurantia</i>	+	+		+