

# The Right to Play: Playgrounds Around the World

## Information for students

- View the images in James Mollison's playground project by visiting his website at <https://www.jamesmollison.com/playground>.
- Choose three images that you think represent three very different contexts. View each image once more with these questions in mind: What is the same in each image? What is different in each image?
- Consider the following questions: Who is represented and who is not? What are these images about? How do you know?
- Write a response to the images based on the ideas elicited from the questions. Ultimately, consider what the photographer wants you to know.
- Take photos in order to create a photo essay or a series of images that portray the way children are finding ways to play in our current situation. If you decide to take your photos while walking outside, try to capture images that represent the lack of play right now. Take a picture of an empty playground or park or a discarded toy, for example. Don't forget to respect people's privacy and stay physically distant.
- Read about James Mollison's playground project here: <https://www.theguardian.com/artanddesign/2014/sep/19/-sp-tate-of-play-school-playgrounds-from-kenya-to-japan>

## Extension Activity:

If this has sparked or deepened your interest in photography, try capturing unique and interesting images that reflect your world right now. Share them in any way that works for you.

For some tips on photography, check out these links.:

For photography with a camera: <https://expertphotography.com/a-beginners-guide-to-photography/>

For photography with a smartphone: <https://expertphotography.com/the-complete-guide-to-smartphone-photography-96-tips/>

## Material required

- Link: <https://www.jamesmollison.com/playground>
- Paper or pen,
- Camera, phone, tablet or computer.

## Information for parents

- Look at the website with your child and discuss the questions.
- The best things your child can do are **read, write and talk every day.**