TEACHER GUIDE + ANSWER KEYS

Animals

Plan it. Teach it. Check it.

Students observe, compare, and describe animal traits.

K-3 | Science | 25-40 minutes | No student accounts

INSIDE THIS GUIDE

Mini lesson + standards + 16-word vocabulary bank + every objective answer key

One file. One click. One complete packet.

Keep this guide with the adult copy. It contains teaching notes and answers for the separate student handout.

TEACHER GUIDE

Teach Animals in three moves

A flexible mini lesson for a whole-group warm-up, center, substitute plan, or early-finisher extension.

1. Wonder

How can we sort animals into useful groups?

2. Play + practise

Play one Wonderplay game together. Then complete one or more printable activities from this packet.

3. Explain

Describe two traits of an animal from today's activity.

Quick success check

Listen for accurate vocabulary, one complete idea, and a detail connected to the activity.

Suggested sequence

1. 5 min - Ask the warm-up and collect two predictions.
2. 10 min - Project or share one online Wonderplay game.
3. 15-25 min - Choose a maze, word search, dot-to-dot, or coloring page.
4. 5 min - Revisit vocabulary and collect the exit ticket.

DIFFERENTIATION

Support: preview six vocabulary words and let partners solve one page together. Challenge: require three vocabulary words in the exit response, then ask students to design a new clue or question.

STANDARDS CONNECTIONS Connections: NGSS 1-LS1-1, 2-LS4-1, 3-LS3-2

VOCABULARY

Animals words to know

Use these words before, during, and after play. Cut apart the boxes for matching cards or keep the page as a reference sheet.

Mammal

an animal with hair or fur that feeds milk to young

Reptile

a vertebrate with dry scales

Amphibian

an animal that lives part of its life in water and part on land

Habitat

the place where a living thing gets what it needs

Trait

a feature of a living thing

Behavior

an action an animal performs

Vertebrate

an animal with a backbone

Invertebrate

an animal without a backbone

VOCABULARY

Animals words to know

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Nocturnal

active mainly at night

Camouflage

colors or patterns that help an animal blend in

Offspring

an animal's young

Predator

an animal that hunts other animals

Prey

an animal hunted for food

Adaptation

a feature or behavior that helps survival

Omnivore

an animal that eats plants and animals

Ecosystem

living and nonliving things interacting in one place

ANSWER KEY

Animals Vocabulary Practice

Keep this page with the teacher copy. Student results may vary on creative activities.

1. Mammal - F

2. Reptile - G

3. Amphibian - H

4. Habitat - A

5. Trait - B

6. Behavior - C

7. Vertebrate - D

8. Invertebrate - E

ANSWER KEY

Animals Knowledge Check

Keep this page with the teacher copy. Student results may vary on creative activities.

1. B - Mammal

2. C - Reptile

3. A - Amphibian

4. C - Habitat

5. C - Trait

6. A - Behavior

Written response: Accept accurate ideas supported by one detail from the game, printable, or vocabulary bank.