

Alphabet animals

Matching up animals with a describing word by recognising the first letter

EYFS

Early learning goals: Communication and language, Understanding the world, Literacy

Activity type: individual/pairs/small groups

Length of activity: 5-20 minutes

Outdoor requirements: playground or local park

Resources: laminated animal and describing word cards either spread out in two areas or hung onto two trees/bushes

Starter activity:

Each child collects an animal card and brings it to the adult. Make sure they name the animal and sound out the letter that it begins with.

Main activities:

Each child puts their animal card on the ground/table. They then collect the describing word that starts with the same letter.

Show them that if they are correct it will go together like a jigsaw.



Plenary activity:

In small groups, taking it in turns, the children tell you what the animal is and sound out the first letter.

Encourage children to write the letter into the tray of sand.

Can they can do an action for the describing word, e.g. wiggly or dancing.

Specific risk assessment

Hang cards in an appropriate place.