

The giraffe

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Age: Primary (6–11)

Language aim: To describe, recognise and name animals

Time: 15 minutes

Student grouping: Groups of four

Materials: copy of Worksheets 1–2 (printed double-sided) and 3–4 (printed double-sided) per group of four children; a sheet of blank paper and a pencil for each team

Language focus: *Head, tail, legs, neck, body, eyes, ears; adjective + noun: big/small, short/long; lives in grasslands, water, cold places, in the mountains, in a tree, in the jungle; eats fish, bananas, meat, leaves, grass; colours: black, white, brown, yellow, grey, red, blue, green; names of animals*

Aim of the game: To complete the drawing of a giraffe by answering questions about animals correctly

It is probably easier if you draw an example on the board. Remember this should only be the body, NOT the legs, head, etc.

Step 3

Give each group of four a complete set of the cards cut out from Worksheets 1–2 and 3–4. The questions should be face up.

Step 4

Write the following parts of the body on the board: *four legs, a tail, a neck, a head, two eyes, two ears*. Now explain that the aim of the game is to complete the drawing of the giraffe by answering questions correctly. The first team to complete their drawing are the winners. BUT they can only draw 'a head' when they have drawn 'a neck', and 'two eyes' and 'two ears' when they have the head!

Step 5

Each team takes it in turn to read and answer the question on the top of the pile of cards.

For example, one pupil in Team A has the question *What animal eats fish?* and the other pupil in Team B answers *A cat*. (Note: Either or both the pupils in Team B can answer.) Team B accepts the answer. Team A then turns over the card and on the back they read *four legs*. They may now add the giraffe's legs to their drawing. The card is then placed under the pile of cards with the question face up.

It is now Team B's turn. Their question reads *What animal lives in cold places?* and they answer *A penguin*. Team A accepts the answer. Team B turns over the card and it reads *two ears*. Team B cannot draw the ears as they still need a neck and a head, so the card is placed under the pile and it is Team A's turn again.

Step 6

The game continues in this way until one of the teams in each group has completed their giraffe. They are the winners.

Extra ideas

Children can invent their own game based on the same idea by writing their own questions. They can choose a new animal to draw, for example an elephant, and they write the parts of the body on the reverse, e.g. the body, the head, two eyes, a trunk, a mouth, four legs and a tail.

Preparation

Worksheets 1–2 and 3–4 need to be printed double-sided so that 2 is on the reverse of 1 and 4 is on the back of 3. The worksheets should then be cut along the dotted lines to make double-sided cards.

Playing the game

Step 1

Divide the class into two teams. Each team decides on their name; suggest that they choose the name of an animal. Write the team names up on the board.

Take the list of questions from Worksheets 1 and 3 and read these out one by one.

The teams take it in turns to answer the questions (see Key for suggested answers). When they answer correctly, give their team a point and write the name of the animal they have given on the board for later reference. (Make sure the children realise that many of the questions have more than one possible answer.) If a team cannot answer, this question is then given to the other team.

By the end of the quiz, there should be a list of animal names on the board so that the children can refer to these while they are playing the game.

Step 2

In their groups of four, the children divide themselves into two teams of two. Each team takes a piece of paper and a pencil and draws the body of a giraffe.

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Key (possible answers):

Worksheet 1

- What animal has got a big mouth?
– crocodile/frog
- What animal is red and blue and green? – parrot
- What animal is black? – dog
- What animal has got four legs?
– dog/cat/cow/sheep
- What animal lives in water? – crocodile/fish
- What animal lives in a tree? – bird
- What animal has got two arms? – monkey
- What animal is small? – mouse
- What animal is white? – polar bear
- What animal has got a short tail? – elephant
- What animal is black and yellow? – tiger
- What animal lives in the mountains? – eagle
- What animal eats bananas? – monkey
- What animal has got small ears? – hippopotamus
- What animal can run very fast? – ostrich/leopard
- What animal can speak? – parrot
- What animal eats fish? – cat/penguin
- What animal lives in the jungle?
– lion/tiger/ monkey

Worksheet 2

- What animal eats leaves? – giraffe
- What animal is brown and yellow? – giraffe
- What animal has got long legs? – ostrich
- What animal is grey and lives in water?
– hippopotamus
- What animal is strong? – lion/tiger
- What animal has got a long neck? – giraffe
- What animal has got a long tail? – dog/cat/lion
- What animal lives in grasslands? – giraffe/elephant
- What animal has got a long trunk? – elephant
- What animal eats meat? – dog/cat/lion/tiger
- What animal lives in cold places? – penguin
- What animal has big ears? – elephant
- What animal can swim? – fish
- What animal has got short legs? – crocodile
- What animal has got big teeth? – crocodile
- What animal has got two legs? – ostrich/monkey
- What animal eats grass? – horse/cow/ostrich
- What animal is black and white? – panda

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What animal has got a big mouth?



What animal has got a short tail?



What animal is red and green and blue?



What animal is black and yellow?



What animal is black?



What animal lives in the mountains?



What animal has got four legs?



What animal eats bananas?



What animal lives in water?



What animal has got small ears?



What animal lives in a tree?



What animal can run very fast?



What animal has got two arms?



What animal can speak?



What animal is small?



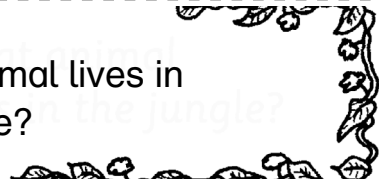
What animal eats fish?



What animal is white?



What animal lives in the jungle?



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four legs



a neck

a neck



two ears



two ears



two eyes

a head



a tail



a neck



four legs

two ears



two eyes



two eyes



a head

a tail



four legs



a head



a tail

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What animal eats leaves?



What animal eats meat?



What animal is brown and yellow?



What animal lives in cold places?



What animal has got long legs?



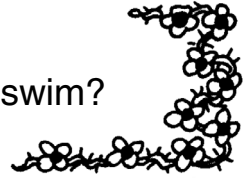
What animal has got big ears?



What animal is grey and lives in water?



What animal can swim?



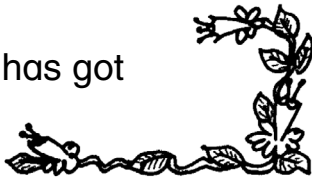
What animal is strong?



What animal has got short legs?



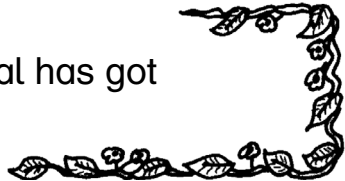
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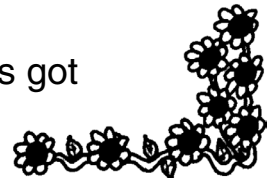
What animal has got big teeth?



What animal has got a long tail?



What animal has got two legs?



What animal lives in grasslands?



What animal eats grass?



What animal has got a long trunk?




















What animal is black and white?



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four legs		two eyes	
	a neck		two ears
a head		two ears	
	a neck		a neck
a tail		two eyes	
	two ears		a tail
a head		a head	
	four legs		two eyes
a tail		four legs	