

AMAZING ANIMAL MATCH-UP

GAME TO PLAY AT HOME



EXPLORE AND COMPARE ANIMALS' FEATURES IN A FUN GAME.

How are animals' bodies different? How are animals' bodies the same?

TIME 10–15 minutes

MATERIALS

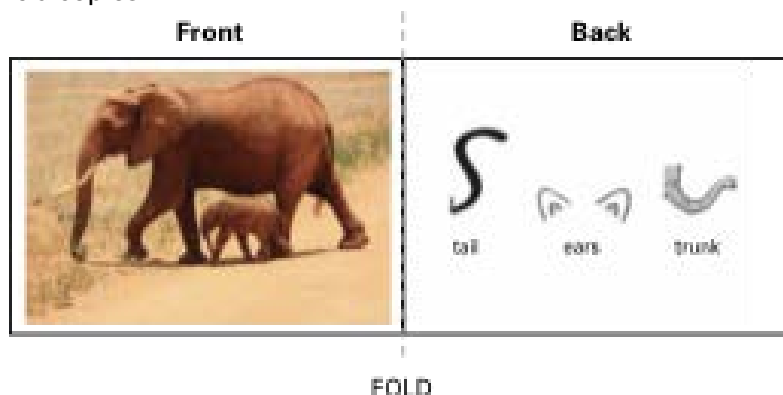
- ✓ Animal Cards
- ✓ Glue or tape

NUMBER OF PLAYERS: 2 or more

DIRECTIONS

1 SET UP

- Cut the Animal Card pages apart between the photos.
- Fold each card so the animal is on one side and the body part icons are on the other side. Glue or tape the edges of each card.
- Make sure you have at least as many cards as players. If you need more cards, make extra copies.



Sample Animal Card with an animal on the front and icons on the back.

2 GOAL

Your child will play a game to match animals' body parts. They will **observe** and **compare** body parts to match with other players' animal cards. Then your child will **explain** the similarities and differences.

3 PLAY

Go over the body part icons with the players. Then shuffle the cards. Give every player a card.



4 PLAY

Every round, players will use a Matching Rule to find someone to match with. For the first round, say, *Find someone whose animal has something that matches the animal you have*. Players walk around and **compare** animals to find a match. Players cannot match with another animal that is exactly the same. (*Example*: Polar bear cannot match with another polar bear.)

5 PLAY

Ask each pair, *What is the same about your two animals?* Players must **use evidence to explain**. Two animals may match even if that feature is not on the backs of the cards. (*Example*: "Our animals match because they are both gray!")

6 PLAY

Play as many rounds as you like. You may keep the same cards or get new cards each round. You may use the same Matching Rule each time or use a different Matching Rule.

7 SHARE

Encourage players to **explain** some ways that animal bodies are different. Encourage them to **explain** some ways that animal bodies are the same.

8 MORE WAYS TO PLAY

Try these Matching Rules!

- Match more than one feature. For example, say, *Can you find someone else whose animal has two things that are like your animal?*
- Make pairs of animals with features that **do not match**. For example, an animal that has wings and an animal that does not have wings.
- Make pairs of animals that have one thing that matches and one thing that does not match. For example, one animal has a tail and a beak, and another animal that has a shell and a beak.
- Make up a Matching Rule that is not on the cards. For example, match animals that have the same number of legs (two legs or four legs).



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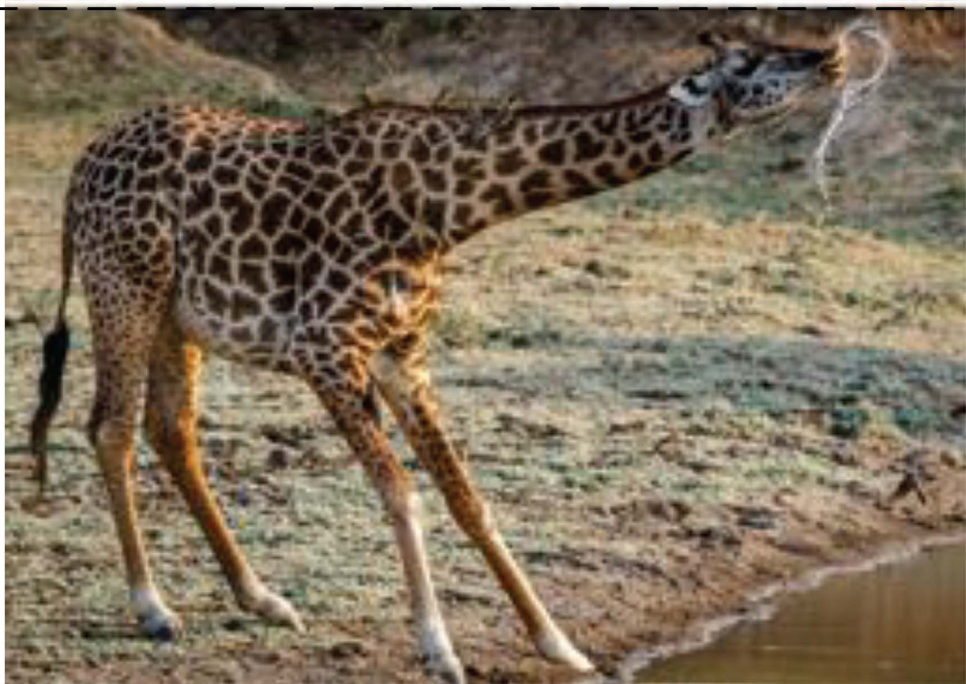
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teeth



wings



hoof



tail



ears



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horns



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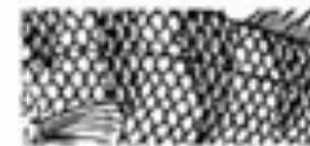
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