

ANIMAL RIDDLES

This activity has two parts.

Part One

Students work together to invent four simple riddle clues for each of their animal cards.

1. Explain the task.
2. Make up riddles for animal #1 together as an example of what students are to do. Use all four structures (see below).
3. Hand out an equal number of **ANIMAL CARDS** to each group. (Note: If there are cards left over, reserve them for groups who finish first or do them together as a class.)
4. Hand out the **RIDDLE SHEETS** (1/2 sheet for each animal).
5. Ask students to make up four sentences (clues) for each animal their group has received. (Each person is responsible for one clue for each animal, but they all work together.)
6. Once students agree on the clues, they take turns writing them on the riddle sheets along with their initials.
7. Collect the animal cards.
8. Collect and correct the riddle cards.

Part Two

In their groups, students solve the riddles and complete the mystery word puzzle.

1. Explain to students that they will be using the riddles they wrote to do a mystery word puzzle.
2. Give each student or group (your choice) a copy of the mystery word puzzle sheet.
3. Read the four clues you wrote for animal #1 ("monkey").
4. Students write the answer ("monkey") next to #1. They check the box when they find the word in the grid.
5. Randomly distribute all the riddle sheets among the groups. Students solve the riddles they receive.
6. Rotate the riddles sheets among the groups so that each group has the chance to find all the animals.
7. When all of the riddles are solved and the answers found in the grid, students will be able to find the mystery word.

Riddles

You will need one **RIDDLES SHEET** for each animal (26 animals, 2 per sheet, so **13 sheets total**, because #1 is done together as a model).

Structures to use (**Write them on the board. Students must use all four for each animal.**)

*This animal **has** ... (but) it **doesn't have** ...*

*This animal **is** ... It **isn't** ...*

*This animal **can** ... (but) it **cannot** ... (or just the verb without the modal: *It swings*)*

*This animal **likes/doesn't like** ...*

#1
monkey

#2
rabbit

#3
kangaroo

#4
bear

#5
tiger

#6
cheetah

#7
mouse

#8
giraffe

#9
snake

#10
pig

#11
fish

#12
camel

#13
whale

#14
elephant

#15
goat

#16
shark

#17
mouse

#18
zebra

#19
lion

#20
horse

#21
seal

#22
chipmunk

#23
skunk

#24
bee

#25
fox

#26
bird

#27
penguin

Animal number:

#

Riddles Card

INITIALS	CLUE
	1. -----
	2. -----
	3. -----
	4. -----

Animal number:

#

Riddles Card

INITIALS	CLUE
	1. -----
	2. -----
	3. -----
	4. -----

Team members:

Animal Riddles

The Mystery Word is:

Nature's

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M	O	N	K	E	Y	C	B	F	S	G
O	T	A	O	G	H	I	A	K	N	I
U	I	F	O	X	R	N	U	N	A	R
S	B	T	E	D	I	N	M	U	K	A
E	B	T	N	U	K	N	H	M	E	F
K	A	N	G	A	R	O	O	P	F	F
H	R	N	G	A	H	O	R	I	I	E
B	E	A	R	I	S	P	S	H	L	E
P	L	B	H	E	P	H	E	C	E	B
S	E	A	L	S	W	H	A	L	E	Y
Z	R	E	G	I	T	C	A	M	E	L

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	26.