



Animal Kind True or False Activity

Session for 5 to 11 year olds
Lasts for approximately one hour

Key focus for the session

To learn scientific facts about animals in a fun and active way and to motivate children to do their own research.

Links to The National Curriculum in science and English Key Stages 1 and 2.

Preparation and Resources

Animal Kind True or False sheet (page 2)

Pieces of paper with 'True' and 'False' on them

Paper and pencils

Access to the internet or books on nature.

Introduction

The game is more fun if you have more than one child - or why not get another adult to join in?

Best played in a garden – or move the furniture to create more space.

The Game

Stick up the **True** sign at one end of the room or garden and **False** at the other.

The children stand in the middle of the room.

Read out a statement from the **True or False Sheet** (choosing easier ones for young children).

Get the children to decide whether they think the statement is true or false (explain that you mean right or wrong) and to run to the appropriate sign.

Read out the answer. Then they return to the middle.

Move on to the next statement.

Get them to think for themselves and not just follow the other participant.

Continue until they get tired!

Research and Writing Activity

Challenge the children to compile their own True or False sheet.

They need to carry out research using books or the internet and come up with interesting facts about animals.

They use this information to write down up to ten statements that can be True or False - you could get them to find more!

The children test out their statements by playing the True or False game with you running to the appropriate sign.

If they have time, your child could draw pictures of the animals that have featured in their research.



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True or False

If they're stuck in them, spiders spit to dissolve their webs (True)

A spider's web is (weight for weight) stronger than steel (True)

Millipedes run faster than centipedes (False - centipedes are faster)

Snails and slugs have their eyes on stalks (True)

Dogs can detect smoke, often before smoke detectors (True)

Cows have 2 stomachs (False - they have 4!)

Lobsters can live for up to 100 years (True)

Mum blackbirds are brown (True)

Herring gulls (seagulls) can drink salty sea water (True)

Crows in southern France have a different accent to those in the North (True)

Ants have 8 legs (False – they have 6)

Young swans are called swanlings (False - cygnets)

Bees do a special dance to tell other bees where to find nectar (True)

Pigeons stay with their mate for life (True)

The elephant is the biggest animal in the world (False - blue whale)

Wasps make nests from paper (True)

Earthworms breathe through their mouth (False - they breathe through pores in their skin)

A flock of goldfinches is called a charm (True)

Woodlice are insects (False - they are crustaceans like lobsters)

Dogs are cleverer than pigs (False - it's the other way around)

