

Animal Grouping Relay



Objective

Identify and name a variety of common animals including fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds and mammals



Equipment

- Animal Picture Cards (enough for each team to collect a full set of mammals, birds, reptiles, amphibians)
- Animal Grouping Activity Sheets
- Hoops



Preparation

- Set out a large square in the playground or sports hall with room for all participants to move around safely at different speeds.
- Split the children into groups, taking account of ability and space available. Seat each group in a line with plenty of space in front of them.
- Provide each group with an overview of the five different animal groups (*fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds and mammals*) and the characteristics of each group. Talk about how animals can share similar characteristics but be in different groups.
- Provide each group with a set of the animal grouping sheets. Place a hoop around 5m – 10m in front of each group. The hoop should contain a full set of the animal examples which, once collected, would complete the corresponding Animal Grouping Activity Sheets.



Instructions

- The first child from each team runs out to the hoop directly in front of their group, collects one animal card and brings it back to their group. Each member of the group will repeat this until all the animal cards in their hoop have been collected.
- The team will then work together to fill each of the 5 grouping sheets.
- The team that completes the activity first, with all animals on the correct grouping sheet, will be the winners.



Other information

- Depending on ability and age, reduce or increase the size of the area and number of animals available to collect.

