



Animal Charades

Experience

Invite your child to cut up paper squares, and on each square, you can both write one animal name on each card (e.g. elephant, dog, mouse etc.)

Place all the cards in a pile, face down so you cannot see the names of the animals. Encourage your child to pick up a card and act out the actions of that animal. If a timer is available, give the person guessing one minute to try and guess the animal being acted out. Take turns in acting and guessing with your child.

Variation: Instead of writing the animal names, find images of animals to make a set of animal cards for the game.

Learning benefits

- Increases problem solving and lateral thinking
- Promotes imagination
- Fosters self-confidence and self esteem
- Supports acting, drama, guessing
- Furthers non-verbal communication with other



5 - 10 mins



5 - 12 years

Materials

Paper
Pens
Scissors
Picture cards
(optional)
Timer

Hints and Tips

Indoors or outdoors

Provide encouragement for acting

A good one for a larger family group