

Lesson Plan: SCIENCE “Animal ‘Who Am I?’ Game”

Teacher _____ Grade 2nd Grade Dates _____

TYPE OF ACTIVITY: ANIMAL ‘WHO AM I?’ GAME

LEARNING STANDARDS OBJECTIVE:

TEKS 112.13 Science, 2nd Grade

2.9.A Organisms and environments. The student knows that living organisms have basic needs that must be met for them to survive within their environment.

The student is expected to identify the basic needs of plants and animals.

MATERIALS:

Gracie Lou Wants A Zoo Book.

Animal face masks-Can be purchased or crafted using links below.

List of survival needs/characteristics of different animals depicted in masks.

INSTRUCTIONS/ACTIVITY:

After reading *Gracie Lou Wants a Zoo*, talk about the basic needs of animals to survive—water, food, shelter, protection. Discuss how depending on the environment/habitat or characteristics of the animal, how they get those basic needs met may vary a little. (Ducks stay near the water and feed off of insects, etc. while giraffes can go longer without water because they get fluid from the leaves they eat.)

“Who Am I?” game: Pick a few students to be on two teams of 2-3. Give each group a handful of animal masks. Read a few clues about what a particular animal needs to survive. The first team to figure out the animal you are describing and put the appropriate mask on one of them wins a point.

For example:

- I love to eat fruit that I can easily find in the trees where I hang out. I also find shelter high in the trees, safe from predators on the ground. When I’m frightened or need to get somewhere fast, I easily swing from tree to tree using my strong arms and tail. (Monkey)
- I live in a burrow in the ground to hide from predators. I nibble on grass and flowers, but most people think I only eat carrots. (Rabbit)
- I find shelter during the day in hollow trees, crevices or abandoned buildings. Night is my time to come out and hunt. I’ll swoop down on mice when I can for my meal. (Owl)

For an extra activity, students can pick an animal and make a mask with either string or by attaching to a popsicle stick.

RESOURCES:

Printable masks here

<https://www.firstpalette.com/craft/printable-animal-masks.html>