



Short Activity
Ages 0–3
10 minutes

Real-Life Fairy-Tale Animals

Description

Participants attempt to match fairy-tale characters with pictures of real-life animals. Then staff play animal sounds, and participants attempt to guess which animals made those sounds.

Number of Participants

For any number of participants

Space Considerations

An indoor space where participants can be seated to complete a worksheet and then listen to sounds that are playing from a speaker or computer

Competencies

- Classification skills
- Following directions
- Understanding and appreciation of animals

Materials

- Sound-guessing MP3 file downloads (links below)
- Printouts of the real-life fairy-tale animal sheet (one per participant)
- Speaker or computer
- Pencils or crayons

Implementation

1. Distribute the [real-life fairy-tale animal sheet](#) and a pencil or crayon
2. Participants can start by using a pencil or crayon to match the cartoon fairy-tale character on the left side of the page with a picture of the real-life animal on the right side of the page
3. On the second page of the sheet, pictures of six animals that feature in various fairy tales are included; explain that the sounds that will play will be

from real-life animals, and participants will attempt to match the sound to the correct animal

4. Start by playing the first sound on a speaker, and ask participants (with parent and caregiver assistance as needed) to point to the image that they think matches the sound, or verbally say it
5. Continue playing until you have played all of the sounds

Accessibility Considerations

- Large, clear images and text are used on the chart of images
- Allow participants to guess the animal sound verbally or by pointing to the sheet
- Play the sounds on an appropriate speaker or computer for the space and number of participants; test the speaker or computer from multiple locations before the program
- Play each sound multiple times as needed

Book Suggestions

Come, Read with Me by Margriet Ruurs and Christine Wei

I Am Scary by Elise Gravel

Princesses Versus Dinosaurs by Linda Bailey and Joy Ang

Download Links

[Animal Sound 1: Goat MP3](#)

[Animal Sound 2: Frog MP3](#)

[Animal Sound 3: Wolf MP3](#)

[Animal Sound 4: Chicken MP3](#)

[Animal Sound 5: Bear MP3](#)

[Animal Sound 6: Pig MP3](#)

[Real-life fairy-tale animal sheet](#)