

## Activity Type

Vocabulary Games:  
matching, miming,  
guessing (group work)

## Focus

Animals

## Aim

To learn the names of  
animals by playing a  
pelmanism and miming  
game.

## Preparation

Make one copy of the  
word cards and picture  
cards for each group of  
three or four and cut as  
indicated. Keep the word  
cards and picture cards  
separate.

## Level

Beginner (A1)

## Time

25 minutes

## Introduction

Here are two animal vocabulary games that students can play to learn the names of animals.

## Procedure

Students begin by playing a pelmanism game where they match the names of animals to pictures.

Divide the students into groups of three or four.

Give each group a set of word cards and picture cards.

Tell the students to shuffle each set of cards separately and then spread them out on the table face down in two sets.

Students then take turns turning over a word card and a picture card.

If the picture matches with the name of the animal, the student keeps the cards and has another turn.

If the cards do not match, the student turns them back over, keeping the cards in the same place.

The students continue to play until all the cards have been matched.

The student with the most cards at the end of the game is the winner.

Next, students play a game where they race against each other to guess the names of animals from mimed actions and sounds.

Ask the groups to shuffle the animal word cards and place them in a pile face-down on the desk. The picture cards can be discarded.

Students take turns picking up a card from the pile, without showing it to anyone.

The student with the card then mimes actions and makes the noises of the animal on the card.

The first student in the group to guess the animal wins and keeps the card.

The student with the most cards at the end of the game wins.

You could also play this game with groups competing against each other to get through the pile of cards the fastest. The first group to get through the cards in the quickest time wins.

tiger

lion

elephant

giraffe

shark

bear

fish

wolf

duck

mouse

fly

frog

bird

fox

horse

pig

chicken

monkey

rabbit

snake

sheep

cow

dog

cat

