

Does the Animal Live on the Farm or at the Zoo?

Grade: Preschool-K

Purpose/Objective: Students will be able to identify the difference in animals that live on a farm and those in a zoo. Students will also be able to identify the purpose of animals on a farm.

Lesson Plan:

1. Ask students if they have ever been to a farm. Ask students if they have ever been to a zoo. What did you see in each place? What things are similar? What things are different? (the types of animals)
2. Write *Farm* on one side of the board and *Zoo* on the other side. Name each animal from the list below and ask children to tell you whether it lives on a farm or in a zoo. If you have a matching picture, hold it up as you say the animal's name.
 - a. cow, tiger, lion, horse, hen, bear, rooster, giraffe, elephant, duck, rhinoceros (rhino), sheep, goat, hippopotamus (hippo), pig, kangaroo
3. Play a roundup game.
 - a. Divide the class into three groups: zookeepers, farmers, and animals.
 - b. Explain that some children are going to pretend to be animals that have wandered away from the zoo and the farm, so the children who are zookeepers and farmers must bring the animals back to their respective homes.
 - c. Designate one area of the classroom to be a farm and another to be the zoo.
 - d. Pass out pictures of animals from the Farm and Zoo animals list (see above). Explain that this is the animal they are pretending to be.
 - e. Then have the farmers and zookeepers round up their animals. Repeat the activity with new farmers and zookeepers.

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