
Oakland Zoo Animal Dice

Pre-Activity Questions

- How do we move?
- Do different animals move in different ways? What are some examples?
- How do animals communicate?
- Do all animals make sound?

Activity

- Animals move in many different ways. Let's think about how humans move. We have many different ways of moving. Can we move similarly to animals?
- Let's think about some reasons animals move. Animals move to get around, but they sometimes move to communicate. Chimpanzees, for example, rely on body language and facial expressions to communicate more than the sounds they make.
- Let's make some animal noises. Some noises are unique to a specific animal, while others have a more universal meaning. For example, baby animals that are altricial (born unable to care for themselves and rely on adults to survive), will cry for their parents when they need something.

Create Your Own Oakland Zoo Animal Dice

Materials

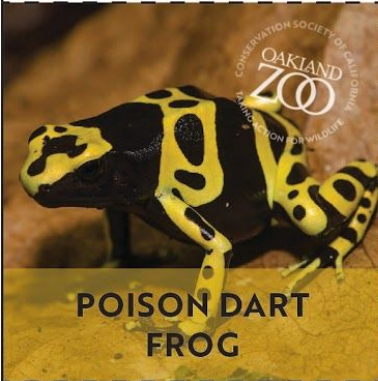
- Cardstock or thick paper
- Scissors
- Glue or tape

Steps

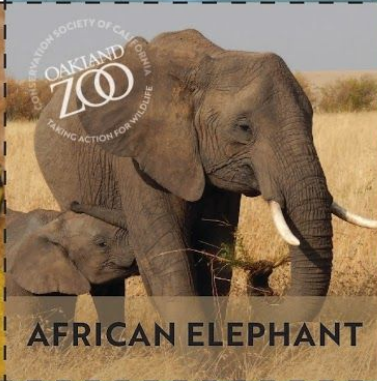
1. Print **Oakland Zoo Animal Dice Template** on **thick paper**.
2. Use **scissors** to cut it out along the solid lines and then fold along the dotted lines.
3. Using the tabs, **glue** or **tape** into a cube with the animal pictures on the outside.
4. Decide if you will imitate the movement, sound, or both.
5. Imitate the animal it falls on. Check out these videos if you aren't sure.
 - **NORTH AMERICAN RIVER OTTER** [VIDEO](#) or [VIDEO](#)
 - **POISON DART FROG** [VIDEO](#)
 - **AFRICAN ELEPHANT** [VIDEO](#) or [VIDEO](#)
 - **LESSER FLAMINGO** [VIDEO](#) or [VIDEO](#)
 - **BALL PYTHON** [VIDEO](#)
 - **CHIMPANZEE** [VIDEO](#) or [VIDEO](#)



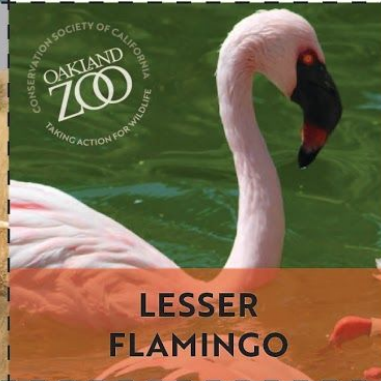
**NORTH AMERICAN
RIVER OTTER**



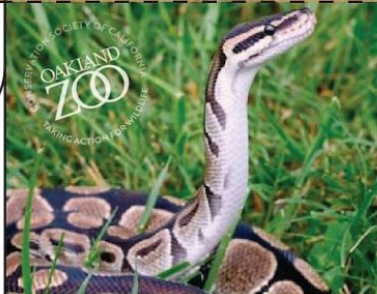
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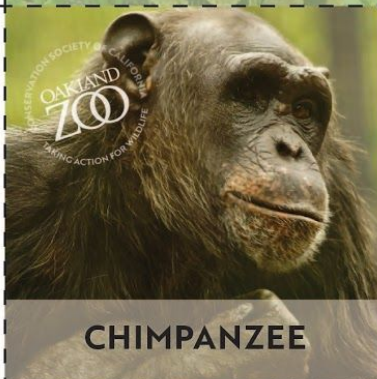
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CHIMPANZEE



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OAKLAND ZOO

Post-Activity Questions and Activities

- Did any of these animals' sounds surprise you? How about the way they moved?
- Out of all the animals in the world, which one do you think you are best at imitating?

Adapted from Whitehouse, P. (2019). Gorgeous animal movement for kids. Retrieved from <https://mothernatured.com/printables/wildlife-movement-dic/>