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(NGSS Disciplinary Core Ideas: Multiple, including crosscutting concepts 6 & 7; Structure and Function, Stability and Change)

Ep. 3 Grasslands

Questions

1. What are some of the advantages the wolves have over the bison they hunt? What are some of the advantages the bison have?
2. Do you think a wolf pack can get too big or is larger always better? Why or why not?
3. Why might global climate change and less predictable weather patterns be bad for animals?
4. Many animals, like the bison featured in this episode, fight to secure mating rights. Why do you think this might be a good thing for future generations?
5. What are 2 possible reasons the water level of the river was so abnormally low during the filming of the hippo during this episode?
6. Why do you think the baboons have evolved big red butts?
7. To us it may seem mean or sad that predators like the lions and cheetahs go after baby animals, but what do you think would happen to the ecosystem if all of the predators disappeared and all of the babies born each year were able to grow to be adults?
8. In this episode we saw several ways prey animals try to avoid being eaten by predators. Can you list 3 of them?

Post-Discussion Questions and Activities

- All seasons in the grassland have their challenges. If you were an animal, what time of year would you prefer it to be if you lived in a grassland? Would your choice be different if you were a predator vs. a prey animal?
- Want to learn more about the [african elephant](#), [bison](#) or [hamadryas baboons](#) featured in this episode? Click on their names to visit their pages on our website or come see them in person at the Oakland Zoo!