

Describe and Find It 3-5 years

You will need:

- Animal figures or cut out pictures of animals

The Activity:

- Set up a model farmyard.
- Describe one of the animals but do not tell your child its name.
- Say, for example: "This animal has horns, four legs and a tail".
- Ask them to guess which animal it is.
- Ask them to make the noise the animal might make.
- When they are familiar with the game, let your child describe the animal while you guess.

How this supports knowledge and development:

Adding new describing words to your child's vocabulary.

Learning to identify the animals and imitate the sounds.

Making simple sentences and talking in greater detail about sounds.

EXTEND THE ACTIVITY

This activity can be repeated with other sets of objects such as zoo animals, toy sets based on transport (e.g. aeroplane, car, train, bus, boat) and musical instruments. It can be made more challenging by introducing sets of random objects to describe and name.

Keeping Everyone Safe

Always supervise children well if using small objects or parts



Growing Readers



Words to introduce to support language development:

Horns	Baa	Gobble, gobble
Tail	Cluck	Round and round
Trunk	Roar	Woolly coat
Feathers	Wheels	Long neck
Spinning	Tractor	
Moo	Fur	



TOP TIP

Encourage siblings to join in with the activity. This will help with playing together cooperatively, learning to share and waiting their turn. It's a whole family game.

Notes:

Can you describe the animals below and what sounds they make?

