

How To Play Jungle Color Challenge

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Divide your class into 4 teams: orange & black, red & gray, brown & white, and yellow & green.

As they walk through the Jungle have them look for animals with their team colors. An animal with only one of the team colors is worth one point. An animal with many colors and both of the team colors is two points. An animal that has only the team's two colors is three points. An animal that has one or both of the team colors in its name is five points! (Have the student write the name of the animal on the back of the worksheet.) If they see a picture on a sign, but do not see the actual animal, they only get ½ point.

To keep track of points they should make a hatch mark in the appropriate column of their worksheet. At the end they should total each column and then find the grand total.

Things to talk about before the Zoo trip:

*Different shades of colors and different color names (scarlet, buff, silver, pink...)

*Walking quietly and taking time to sit (or stand) and watch = more points

*You may want to decide that black eyes do not count for the black team. Otherwise they will be able to count nearly every animal they see.

To extend this activity you may want to do the same worksheet in the North American Prairie. As a follow up you can compare and contrast the "winning" teams and discuss why jungle and prairie animals have different coloration.

Some possible color names for each team:

orange &/or black

black crake
black pacu
black moly
golden lion tamarin
brush turkey
grosbeak starling
tri colored squirrel
black pacu
swordtail

red &/or gray

red-bellied piranha

silver-eared mesia
red-billed leiothrix
wonga pigeon
red pacu
pink pigeon (?)
scarlet macaw
red-lore Amazon
rosy barb
red-capped cardinal

brown &/or white

white-collared kingfisher
common piping guan
occulated river ray
Indian flying fox
tricolored squirrel
green acouchi
tamandua
catfish
African lungfish
White bellied grey go away bird

yellow &/or green

red devil cichlids
green leaf bird
red-lore Amazon
green swordtail
green imperial pigeon
green acouchi
Mariana fruit dove
Nicobar pigeon