

Animal Dance Kingdom Workbook

Background:

Animal Dance Kingdom is an entertaining children's performance that brings dancing, fun and physical awareness into the learning experience. This set intends to get young ones excited about nature with fun animal facts and engaging moments to dance like the animals you meet.

Program:

- The Stampede: Introduction performance by the Animal Dance Kingdom characters
- On the Prowl w/ the Lion
- Move the Herd w/ the Elephant
- Animal Tango w/ the Lion & the Elephant performance
- Prancin' Patterns w/ the Zebras
- Jump Around w/ the Bunny
- Animal Tango 2 w/ the Zebras, & the Bunny performance
- Safari Party: Group performance by A.D.K

Intro (Teacher):

As we explore the Animal Dance Kingdom we will learn dance moves and facts about animals. Make sure you listen very carefully to the information the animals tell you and try your best to follow along to their moves! You will find questions along the way to test your animal knowledge. Let's get started!

Icebreaker Ideas:

- A. Students are shown various animals on screen & they must impersonate the animals
- B. Teachers play an animal sound clip to students on the screen & students can guess, type answers or draw the animal.
- C. Teacher describes animals in ADK and students make guesses.

“The Stampede” (1-2 minutes)

“On the Prowl- Lion

Move #1: Kitty Kat Claw

Move #2: Roar Roar Chomp

Move #3: Slow Creep

Question/Fact #1 (Teachers)

Q: Who are the protectors? Who are the hunters? Male or female lion?

Key: Male lions are the protectors and females are the hunters which means they're in charge of catching the food. The best way to catch prey is by slowly creeping upon them.

Question/Fact #2 (Teachers)

Q: How long can a male lion stretch up to?

- A. 7 feet
- B. 10 feet
- C. 12 feet

Key: A male lion can stretch up to 10 feet long & weighs about the same as 9 children

Question/Fact (Teachers)

Do you know how to tell if a lion is a male or female? Hint: male lions have something around their head that females' lions don't.

Key: a mane

“Move the Herd” - Elephant

Move #1: Ear Flap

Move #2: Trunk Swing

Move #3: Stomp

Fact #1:

Elephants are the world's largest land animals.

Fact #2: Elephants have a strong sense of smell. They swing their trunks back and forth to pick up scents close by. They can smell water from 12 miles away.

Question (Teachers):

Q: About how many miles they can smell water from? (Multiple choice options)

Q: Humans eat with our hands (ex: pick up a banana and eat it). Since elephants don't have hands, what do they eat with?

Key: Trunk

ANIMAL TANGO (2-3 minutes)

“Prancin’ Pattern” Zebras

Move #1: Head Bop

Move #2: Drawing Stripes

Move#3: Prance

Question/Fact #1 (Teachers)

Q: What is the name of the patterns on zebras?

Key: Stripes

Did you know that zebras have unique stripe patterns which means no two zebras are the same? It means that all zebras are different in their own ways.

Question/Fact #2

Zebras' dazzling stripes protect them from flies because it causes them to become dizzy and they also use their long tails to swat them away.

Question (Teachers):

Fish travel in a school, geese travel in a flock... what do zebras travel in? A herd

“Hop Around” (Bunny)

Move #1: Hop Hop Shimmy

Move#2: Bunny Ears

Move#3: Hop all around

Question/Fact #1: A rabbit's teeth never stop growing! Hence the term buck teeth!

Question Fact #2 (Teachers):

Q: How long can rabbit ears grow?

- A. 3 inches
- B. 4 inches
- C. 5 inches

Key: They can grow up to 4 inches long which is as long as a dollar bill!

Question (Teachers):

The animal tango is coming up! That means we're going to see all four types of animals back on the screen dancing together. Can someone name the four animals we learned about today?

ANIMAL TANGO (2-3 minutes)

SAFARI PARTY/ FINALE

Vocabulary:

1. Pounce – a quick jump or sudden swoop to catch prey.
2. Prey – an animal that is hunted and eaten by another for food.
3. Herd – a large group of animals.
4. Mammal – a warm blooded animal with a backbone identified by its fur or hair.
5. Prance – to move with high springy steps.
6. Patterns – a decorative design
7. Buck – the male of several animal, such as deer, rabbits, etc.
8. Hop Shimmy – to leave the ground off two feet then landing on two feet and shaking your body.