

Kindergarten+ animal habitat and food chain lesson

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These activities were designed for a kindergarten class that had just begun studying animals.

Part 1:

We presented a slideshow introducing the idea of a habitat. We asked students to think about where they live and what things they need to survive. Then we showed gifs of different animals and asked students where the animals live and what their habitats are like. We brought in live bugs in a variety of habitats to show students as well.

The slideshow also introduced the idea of a food chain. Students were asked to think about what kinds of food different animals eat to build up a food chain.

Part 2:

We printed out four different habitats and hung the pictures around the room:

Rainforest (selva)

Desert (desierto)

Ocean (mar)

Savanna (sabana)

Each student received a picture of an animal, plant, or the sun. We wrote the name of a habitat on the back of each picture. Students were asked to think about where their picture belonged and then walk to the correct habitat. Once students were in their groups, they were asked to piece together the food chain for their habitat.

Food chains:

Rainforest - sun, tree, caterpillar, bird, snake

Desert - sun, cactus, insect, mouse, lizard

Ocean - sun, seaweed, fish, shark

Savanna - sun, grass, zebra, lion