

Animals Vocabulary

Beginner ESL

A complete, ready-to-print lesson pack for young beginner English learners.



dog



cat



bird



fish



rabbit



lion

Inside: flashcards, matching and writing worksheets, a speaking activity, lesson plan and answer key.

Teacher overview

At a glance

LEVEL

A0-A1 beginner

AGE GUIDE

5-10 years

LESSON LENGTH

35-40 minutes

**TARGET
VOCABULARY**

dog, cat, bird, fish, rabbit, lion

LANGUAGE

What is it? It's a ____.

MATERIALS

This pack, scissors, pencils or crayons, and tape.

Learning goals

By the end of the lesson, learners can:

- name the six animals from a picture.
- ask and answer: What is it? / It's a ____.
- recognise and write the six target words.

Optional interactive extension

The PDF is complete on its own. If useful, teachers can later choose the same six cards in Classendo Flashcards, then use Classroom, Printables or Lesson Plans as an optional extension.

Printable visual flashcards

Cut along the pale borders. Show the picture first, then reveal and say the word.



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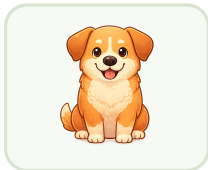
1. Look at the pictures. Draw a line to match each picture with the correct word.



bird



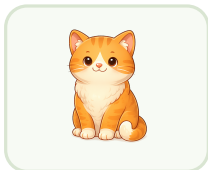
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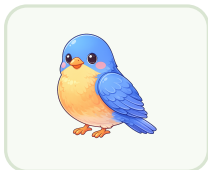
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A. Trace and write.



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B. Complete the words.

d_g

c_t

b_rd

f_sh

r_bbit

l_on

Animal Corners

Set-up

Put the six picture flashcards around the room. Learners stand in the middle. Say a word. Learners move to the matching animal. When they arrive, ask: What is it? The group answers: It's a ____.

How to play

- 1 Say one animal word. Learners move to the correct card.
- 2 Point to one learner at that card. Ask: What is it?
- 3 The learner says: It's a dog/cat/bird/fish/rabbit/lion.
- 4 After one round, let a confident learner become the caller.

Cut-out caller cards

**dog****cat****bird****fish****rabbit****lion**

Variation: do not say the word. Show a flashcard and ask learners to find the matching corner.

38-minute lesson plan

0-4 min**Hello and hook**

Make a dog, cat, bird, fish, rabbit or lion gesture.
Learners copy and guess.

Whole class**4-11 min****Teach the words**

Show each flashcard. Say the word, learners repeat. Add a simple gesture.

Flashcards**11-17 min****Point to...**

Lay cards on a table or board. Say a word.
Learners point, then say it together.

Flashcards**17-25 min****Visual matching**

Pairs complete the matching worksheet. Check aloud by pointing and saying.

Worksheet

38-minute lesson plan

25-33 min**Animal Corners**

Run the speaking activity. Encourage: What is it? / It's a ____.

Activity sheet**33-37 min****Trace and write**

Learners complete the writing worksheet. Support by showing the matching flashcard.

Worksheet**37-38 min****Exit check**

Each learner names one animal as they leave or points to it when named.

Flashcards**Differentiation**

Support: let learners point before speaking and keep word cards visible. Stretch: learners become the caller and ask What is it? independently.

Quick preparation

Print pages 3-4 at full size. Put the flashcards where all learners can see them, then use the same cards for Point to..., Animal Corners and the exit check.

Answer key and teacher notes

Worksheet answers

Visual matching

rabbit -> rabbit, fish -> fish, dog -> dog, lion -> lion, cat -> cat, bird -> bird

Trace and write

dog, cat, bird, fish, rabbit, lion

Complete the words

d, a, i, i, a, i

Teacher notes

- Keep the word fish the same for one fish and two fish.
- For early readers, hide the written word at first and use the picture side only.
- For mixed-level classes, pair a confident speaker with a learner who can point or repeat.
- The free PDF is designed to work without a Classendo account.

Optional: take the same six cards online

Classendo Flashcards lets visitors choose up to six temporary cards, then use them in Classroom Mode, basic Printables or a guest Lesson Plan. The printable pack remains complete without this

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