

Animal Charades

Recommended for: Elders and preschoolers (3-5 yrs.)

Objectives:

- Interact/Communicate (verbal/non-verbal)
- Exercise motor skills (fine or gross motor)
- Be generative/Nurturing/Helpful/Caring
- Take initiative
- Be creative

Materials needed (per group):

- Dry-erase board
- Dry-erase markers

Methods:

Facilitator Preparation

1. Generate a list of animal names prior to the opportunity in order to help the adults and children develop their own list of animals.

Intergenerational Participants

1. Separate into two teams (have teams with equal number of adults and children).
2. Brainstorm a list of animal names while the facilitator writes them down on the dry erase board.
3. Individual participants act out animals for their team to guess (the animals name will be given to them by the facilitator from the list of animal names generated earlier by the participants).

Special Considerations:

- The group should include at least a few individuals who are comfortable speaking and acting in a group.

Key Conversation/Facilitation Questions:

- What are some of your favorite animals?
- Where do these animals live?