

LESSON PLAN GUIDE

PictureBook English Reading Series

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Category	Vocabulary	Title	B5 – Animal Puzzle Fun
Ages	4-8	Theme	Animal Vocabulary + Yes/No Questions + not

INTRODUCTION OF THE BOOK

In this book, children learn 30 English animal words through a fun guessing game. Using animal silhouettes, children practice question sentences with the be verb as well as negative forms with 'not'.

Matching silhouettes and guessing the hidden animal makes this a simple, engaging way for young children to enjoy learning new vocabulary and sentence structures naturally.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

Children will be able to:

- Recognise and name 30 common animals in English
- Ask and answer yes/no questions using 'Is this a ~?'
- Use positive and negative responses — 'Yes, it is' and 'No, it's not'
- Introduce animals using 'This is a ~'

LEARNING ACTIVITIES

1. Review the silhouette cards first

Before playing the guessing game, go through all 30 silhouette cards with your child to check they can recognise each animal. Encourage them to introduce each one in English — for example, 'This is a lion.' This warms up their vocabulary before the interactive game begins.

2. Play the Guessing Game

Use each animal silhouette card to practice simple question-and-answer patterns. Ask your child 'Is this a bear?' and encourage them to respond with 'Yes, it is' or 'No, it's not.' Take turns asking and answering so your child practises both roles — this builds stronger fluency and confidence.

3. Play the Speed Game

Invite your child to write a list of all 30 animal words and read through them as quickly as possible. This fluency game builds automaticity, boosts confidence, and reinforces vocabulary recall through repetition.

4. Make your own silhouette cards

Let your child create their own animal silhouette cards and use them to play a flash card or guessing game together. Point to a card and ask 'Is this a lion?' — children love answering and quizzing back, making practice feel like play.

FOLLOW-UP ACTIVITIES

Ask your child to pick five of their favourite animals and make sentences using 'This is a ~' and 'Is this a ~?' Practice the full question-and-answer pattern together until it feels natural and automatic.

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TEACHER'S NOTES & TIPS

The silhouette format works well because it creates genuine curiosity — children want to know the answer! For children who are shy about speaking, start by letting them just point to the correct card before gradually encouraging full sentences. The homemade card activity is a great extension for children who finish early or want an extra challenge.