

Animal Category Circle

Host card | 3-10 players | Approx. 5-10 minutes | 1.0.0

Take turns adding an animal to a named category. Keep a shared list and see how many different examples the group can find.

Bring and set up

An optional sheet for the shared list.

Choose one category and read a few examples before starting. Use birds, fish and mammals as three separate rounds.

Seat the group in a circle. Agree that players may ask for help or pass, and that the host will check uncertain examples after the round.

How to play

1. The host names the category. Each person contributes one example that has not already been used in that round.
2. Say each accepted answer aloud and write it on the list. After one full circle, discuss any uncertain entries together.
3. Start a new category when everyone has had two turns or the group chooses to stop. Keep participation more important than speed.

Birds, including birds that do not fly

Robin, duck and penguin all belong in the bird round. A bat does not: it is a mammal. If someone says duck after it is already listed, invite a different bird or let a buddy help.

Three-part session

1. Birds: Find different birds. Flying is not required: penguins and ostriches count.
2. Fish: Find different fish. Use familiar examples such as salmon, goldfish or shark. Whales and dolphins belong in the mammal round.
3. Mammals: Find different mammals. Dogs, bats and whales are possible starting examples.

Offer support

Offer two options and ask the player which one fits. Accept a description when a child cannot remember the exact animal name.

If something goes wrong

If the group is uncertain about an animal, put it in a separate "check later" list. Do not count a guess as an established fact; a pass keeps the game moving.

Finish together

Read the accepted list and return to the uncertain names with an appropriate reference when available.

Party Puzzle Parcel | Free host materials | Adult-led session; time is a planning estimate.

Rules reference: Project Gutenberg 25660; beast bird or fish. Original modern host instructions.