

Spot the animal!

Animals are often hidden in plain sight. Challenge yourself to find them!

Summary:

Try to find the reptiles and amphibians hidden in nature. Discover how camouflage helps animals!

Guiding Questions:

What part of the animal can you look for/see?

What part of its habitat does the animal look like?

How does camouflage help animals?

Experience Goals:

- Identify what camouflage is and how it is useful for animals.
- Search for and locate camouflaged animals in pictures.

Steps

1. What is camouflage?
 - a. Camouflage is how animals blend into their surrounding environment.
 - b. Talk about examples of camouflage you have heard of or seen.
2. Discuss why animals may want to use camouflage.
 - a. Think about an animal that uses camouflage. What might they be trying to do? Why might they be trying to hide?
 - b. Some animals do not camouflage and instead stand out in their environment. Why might an animal want to be noticeable?

Steps continued:

3. Find the animals!

- a. Explore the pictures below. Can you find the animals in the pictures?
- b. Some are harder to see than others! What kind of animal did you find?
- c. Explore the surrounding environment. What natural materials in the picture does the animal look like?

Extensions:

- Practice the skills you learned by looking for camouflaged animals outside your window or on a walk in your neighborhood.
- Try to camouflage yourself like an animal! Try different environments in your home and outside! See if others can find you!



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