



Who's Who in the Zoo?

Animal Assortment

Beginner: Take a trip to the zoo or use your imagination with toy animals. Identify different animals and sort them into groups.

[Tip]: Put all the bears together or sort animals by size.

Intermediate: Sort animals by how they move or how many legs they have.

[Tip]: Sort animals by whether they fly, swim, walk, or slither.

Experienced: Sort animals into specific categories.

[Tip]: Farm animals vs. household pets, reptile vs. non-reptile, carnivores vs. herbivores.

Why is this important? Making categories is fundamental to learning about and perceiving the world.

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