

APEING ABOUT – DRAMA

Activity: Animal Movement Level 1

Move around the room like a monkey, snake, elephant, lion, gorilla, crocodile. Transform into each of the following making an appropriate noise: cat, lion, monkey, dog, cow, sheep.

- Trot like a horse in a field.
- Run like a dog chasing and retrieving a bone.
- Slither through very long grass like a snake.
- Walk through the desert like a camel.
- Be a monkey picking and eating a banana.
- Beat your chest like a gorilla, making an appropriate sound.
- Stalk a mouse, like a cat.

Play charades, pupils have to pick a card with an animal on it and act out the characteristics of the animal, without making any animal noises, which will lead to their colleagues guessing their animal. Try and think carefully about the movements you do, can you think outside the box.

- Spider
- Cow
- Cat
- Gorilla
- Sea otter
- Meerkat
- Sloth
- Crab
- Bird of paradise
- Flamingo
- Cheetah



Activity: Animal Movement Level 2

This time continue to act out the animal characteristics but you can include a commentary of what you would imagine the animal to think/feel. E.g. a dog "Am I a good boy human? Yes I am. I am a good boy. Wait, what's that you have there? Is that food? I'm starving, please feed me. Look at my eyes they're so big and sad!", or a cat "human scratch my ear. Perfect. Now stop that's too much. I want to go outside, no I changed my mind I want to stay in. But I'm going to scratch your sofa until you open the door again as I want to go outside. But now you've opened the door it's too cold."

- Dog
- Moth
- Dolphin
- Chameleon
- Seagull
- Cat
- Goldfish

Look at videos of gorillas interacting with one another, look at how the males try to impress and the reactions the females have. Look at how they interact with one another when they are playing.

Activity: Animal Movement Level 3

Create a scene where you are interacting with another person with gorilla characteristics. E.g. imagine you're on a date, the man starts beating his chest mid conversation. When the woman asks what he does for a living he can start lifting things up and knocking things over to show off his strength. Another man could go over say hi to the woman and the man on the date would get really angry. Meanwhile the woman can look uninterested, start picking bugs out of her hair and looking at other people walk past.

