

Do You Hear What I Hear? (PreK-1)

Learn through observation that animals have different kinds of ears to help them survive.

Description: Look at animal ears to learn about shapes and functions.

Location at Zoo: Throughout the Zoo

Materials: Pencil or crayon

Activity: Ears allow us to hear the world around us and to communicate with others. Some ears are better at hearing than others!

- 1.) Sit or stand still near an exhibit in the zoo and close your eyes, what sounds do you hear? (Recommended exhibits: Birdhouse, Free Flight Aviary, Jungle Trails, Gibbon Island, Rhino Reserve)
- 2.) Were you able to notice more sounds with your eyes closed or open?

Sometimes, when one of our 5 senses is taken away, the others will try extra hard to replace it.

Amazing Body Parts!

Go to the Night Hunters or Cat Canyon Exhibit.



Both hands behind your ears

Observe how cats move their large ears. Then, create your own cat ears by following the instructions below and listen for 5 seconds each!



One hand forward, one hand backwards



Both hands backwards

Why would cats need to have large, moveable ears?

Ears come in many shapes and sizes!

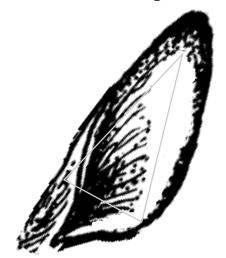
3.) There are shapes hiding in the ears below. Can you find them? Trace the outlines with a pencil or crayon.

4.) Can you find the animals in the zoo that these ears belong to?



What shape is my ear? _____

Who do I belong to? _____



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