

# 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.

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



Both hands behind your ears



One hand forward, one hand backwards



Both hands backwards

Why would cats need to have large, moveable ears?

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## 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? \_\_\_\_\_

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