

D.I.Y. Investigation

2nd Grade



Phenomenon to Explore: Animals take on different forms, and they seem to be found in lots of different areas. As you visit the animals, answer the questions below to investigate this phenomenon.

1. Sunset Zoo has a variety of animals from a variety of places on exhibit. Complete both tables below as you visit the zoo:

Table 1

	Number of Different Animals
Africa Trail	
Australia Walkabout	
Asia Trail	
South America Trail	
Kansas/North America Trail	

Table 2

	Number of Animals (make tally marks then add at the end)
Animals that Walk/Run	
Animals that Climb	
Animals that Fly	
Animals that Swim	
Animals that Jump/Hop	

2. Based on the data you gathered above, which area/trail of the zoo is more diverse?
3. Based on the data you gathered above, which type of animal is represented most?
4. Based on the data you gathered above, which type of animal is represented least?

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5. Based on your experience with animals and animal information, do you feel the representation of animals at Sunset Zoo is similar to the rest of the world? For example, do you think there are more swimming animals than running/walking animals because you go fishing and you can name a lot of different fish.

DID YOU KNOW: Zoos have to build expertise in caring for animals before being able to exhibit them. This is one reason why Sunset Zoo, and other zoos, house certain animals but not others. In addition, we have to consider the climate of Kansas and how that will impact an animal exhibited at Sunset Zoo. Thus, we may not be able to truly demonstrate the diversity of certain parts of the world.

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