

Animal advantages



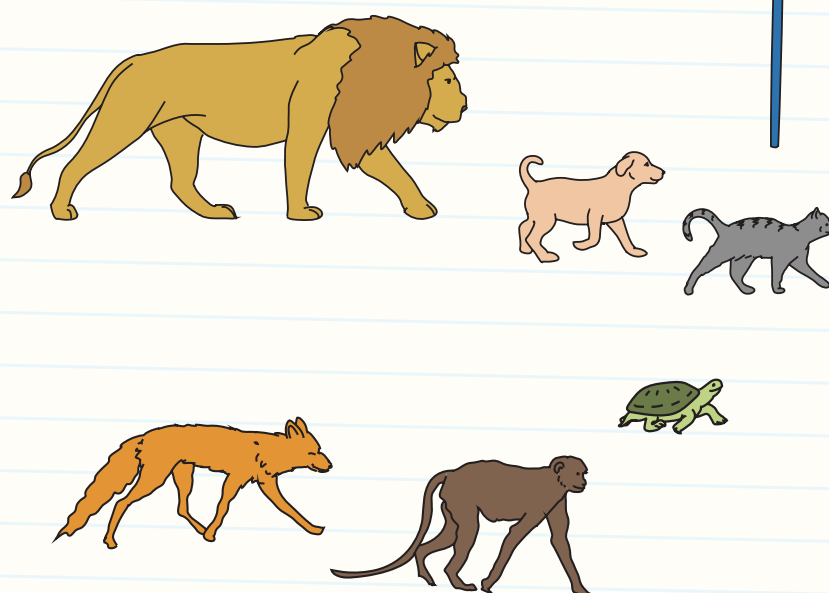
Better together



30 mins



Challenge yourself



Aim of activity

Does a rhino need to defend itself from other animals? What about a pet cat? How does this affect their lives? And what's it got to do with privilege?

What you'll get out of it

- Explore the concept of privilege.

What you'll need

- A large, clear space
- Paper
- Pens
- A small bag



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Note to leader

On different slips of paper, write 'urban fox', 'lion in a zoo', 'mouse' and 'pet cat'. Make one slip for each girl, and make sure there's an even split of the animals. Put the slips into a small bag.

What to do

1 Everyone take a slip of paper out of the bag. Look at your animal, but don't tell anyone what you have. If you don't know what you are, ask your leader discreetly.

2 Now get into four groups and find a space. In your group, stand next to each other in a line, making sure there's enough space in front of you so you can all step forward without walking into another group.

3 Your leader is going to read out some statements. Close your eyes, listen and if your animal (not yourself!) has done or felt what's asked, take one step forward. For example, if you're a mouse and your leader says, 'I've been chased by a cat', step forward. Take a little time to think about your answer.

I have...

- Been scared.
- Had to defend myself from another animal.
- Visited a vet when I've been sick.
- A safe place to sleep every night.
- Been made fun of.
- Had a human be affectionate to me.
- Had to find my own food.
- Always felt safe at night.

4 Open your eyes. Are your group all standing in the same place? Were some questions harder to answer than others? Sometimes it's difficult thinking from a different perspective.

5 Come together as a group and chat about what you think the word **privilege** means.

Privilege is a special right or advantage a person or group has. It comes in lots of forms. Where you were standing in the game reflected how privileged your animal was compared to other animals.

6 Think of a time when you've been treated differently because of privilege, either your own or someone else's. How would it have been different without the privilege?

7 People experience privilege today. Do you think it's fair? What could you do in your everyday life to make sure people are treated equally?