



Animal Welfare Ad Lib Game

“Ad-lib” means to improvise and insert words as you go. Create your own story by ad-libbing about a family who explores a new place that houses animals and learns about animal behavior and enrichments. To complete the story, fill in the blanks as you go with adjectives, nouns, verbs, and animal welfare terms, either on your own or with a partner. Then, read the story aloud with the words you’ve selected. For help, see examples of the different types of words you’ll need to brainstorm below.

Examples:

Noun: is a person, place, or thing

Verb: an action word

Adverb: Tells how something is done, usually ends in “ly”

Location Nouns: Zoo, Farm, Sanctuary

Animal Nouns: Elephant, Horse, Dolphin, Owl

Enrichment Device Nouns: Brush, Frozen Pumpkin, Ball, Puzzle

Normal Behavior Verbs: Running, Jumping, Climbing, Foraging

Abnormal Behavior Verbs: pacing, head-bobbing, over-grooming, excessive licking, isolating

Ecosystem: Forest, tundra, desert, freshwater, marine, grassland, terrestrial



Whales, Monkeys, and Snakes...Oh My!

One _____ day, the _____ family decided to go to the _____. When
Type of weather Place where animals live
they arrived, they saw a(n) _____ eating _____. They _____ over
Texture of animal Animal Animal's Food Verb (end in -ed)
to see the _____ since it was their favorite animal! As they walked around, they noticed that the
Animal (plural)
_____ was provided with a(n) _____ as an enrichment! The _____ family read
Animal Animal Toy Your Last Name
a sign next to the enclosure that said "Environmental enrichments are used to provide captive animals with some form
of stimulation in order to encourage natural behaviors such as foraging, digging, playing, etc. These can be social,
occupational, physical, sensory, or nutritional enrichments. The _____ uses the _____ to
Animal Animal Toy
provide stimulation and to allow visitors of the _____ to see some of the _____ natural
Place where animals live Animal (end with 's)
behaviors."

The enclosure the animal lived in also had lots of _____ to mimic its natural environment. When
Plant
they finally saw the _____, they noticed that it was acting strangely. The _____ was
Animal Animal
_____ all over the place! While normally, they would express normal behaviors like
Abnormal Animal Behavior (end in -ing)
_____, _____, or _____, the
Normal Animal Behavior (end in -ing) Normal Animal Behavior (end in -ing) Normal Animal Behavior (end in -ing)
_____ seemed out of the ordinary and _____. The family was certain that the _____
Animal Unhappy Feeling Animal
was _____, so they asked an animal caretaker what they thought. The animal caretaker said that the
Unhappy Feeling
_____ might be sick, and they will need to be taken to the veterinarian to be treated. After their trip to the
Animal
vet, they were as good as new!

