



The Bear went over the Mountain

This book has some really great pictures with lots of different animals. We thought this would be a good way to help your child learn animal names.

This activity lets you two different games. The first game is to play bingo with your child to find animals in the book. This will help your child to learn new vocabulary (words). Talking about new words helps us to learn so we can read and write them too. Talk to your child about what you see on the pages. You can talk about where a lion lives, or what group of animals an eagle belongs to.

The second game encourages your child to guess or describe the animal just using its features. There is a lot to see! Have fun!

How to play with the Bingo Cards:

You will need some counters or tokens to place over the animal names on your bingo card.

1. Read the story together first.
2. Print the Bingo Cards and take one each.
3. Go through the book again, this time looking at the pictures.
4. Place a counter over each animal when you find it on a page.
5. First one to find all the animals on their bingo card yells out "BINGO!" to win!

How to play with the Draw Cards:

1. Cut out the animal cards on the Draw Card pages.
2. Take it in turns to draw an animal from a hat.
3. You need to describe your animal, without saying its name!
4. The other person has to guess what your animal is!
5. If you pick the right animal, you hold onto the card.
6. Whoever has the most animal cards at the end wins!

To describe your animal, you could say:

- If it's big or small
- What colour or colours it is
- Where does it live?
- Does it have tusks, hooves, a mane or a tail?
- Does it have fur or scales?
- Can it run fast or slow?
- How many legs does it have?
- What does it eat?