BASIC NEEDS VOCABULARY

TEACHER GUIDE

Theme: Animals and basic needs
Grade Band: Kindergarten - Grade 1
Activity Length: Approximately 30 minutes

Goal

Students will gain an understanding of the vocabulary needed to discuss animals and their basic needs.

Objectives

1. Students will learn the vocabulary necessary to talk about animals and their needs.
2. Students will practice applying this vocabulary into conversations.

Key Vocabulary

Food Water Shelter Oxygen Habitat Survival Living Basic Needs Non-living Freshwater/Saltwater

Standards

RF.K.3 Know and apply grade-level phonics and word analysis skills in decoding words.
SL.K.6 Speak audibly and express thoughts, feelings, and ideas clearly.
RF.1.3 Know and apply grade-level phonics and word analysis skills in decoding words.
SL.1.6 Produce complete sentences when appropriate to task and situation.

Activity Steps

A. Introduce students to the vocabulary necessary to discuss animals and their basic needs.
   a. Word Cards - Put the word cards somewhere the students can see them. Read the words out loud. If a student knows what the word means they can share with the group. You can discuss any of the words that students are not familiar with.
      i. Extension: Use the definition cards to match the word to their definition.
B. Once students are familiar with the words, have them practice making sentences using the words.
   a. Students can work with a partner to use vocabulary to talk about a favorite animal or pet with a friend. Partners can take turns using vocabulary to ask and answer questions. Write the sample questions on the board to help start the discussion. What is your favorite animal? What food does it eat? What shelter does it live in? What are the basic needs of this animal?
C. Using the aquarium animal basic needs worksheet, students can practice using vocabulary to learn about some aquatic animals at the aquarium.

Food

Water

Shelter

Oxygen

Habitat

Survival

Living

Basic Needs

Non-living

Freshwater

Saltwater

A place protected from weather or danger

A liquid that all living things need

This is what living things eat

This does not need food, water, shelter or oxygen

This needs food, water, shelter and oxygen

A gas living things get from air or water

Water in lakes and ponds

Where an animal lives and finds what it needs

These are what living things need to survive

To stay alive

Water in the ocean

Aquatic Animals Basic Needs Worksheet

Directions: Finish the sentences using the words from the word bank.

A shark uses gills to breathe _____ from the water.

The _____ that a hermit crab lives in is a shell.

Catfish live in _____ ponds and rivers.

The archerfish's favorite _____ to eat is crickets.

Turtles have webbed feet to swim in the _____ .

The type of water in the ocean is called _____ .

WORD BANK

freshwater saltwater food

shelter oxygen water