



ANIMAL BINGO

30 BINGO BOARDS + 97 CALLING CARDS



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Animal Bingo is fun for young kids and great letter recognition and spelling practice. It's also great vocabulary practice for ESL students.

You can print these each time you need them or laminate them to re-use them.

You can use it as a full class activity or in centers.



HOW TO ASSEMBLE & PLAY

1. Print the 30 boards and the cards in the size you prefer
2. Laminate all the pages (optional)
3. Cut the 15 pages of Bingo boards in half to create 30 boards
4. Cut apart the 97 calling cards and store them in a Ziploc bag
5. Hand out the Bingo boards and dry erase markers or physical markers
6. Choose a random calling card from the Ziploc bag.
7. Call out the name of the animal on the card
8. Kids will check if it's on their board.
9. If you've laminated the Bingo boards, they can mark it off with a dry erase marker
10. If you haven't laminated the Bingo boards, kids can use markers like small blocks, pennies, cheerios, or scraps of paper
11. The first kid to get five in a row - horizontally, vertically, or diagonally, wins the game

VARIATIONS FOR ADDITIONAL LEARNING

1. **Spelling:** When kids find the animal on their board, have them raise their hand. Call on a student and have them spell the name of the animal out loud.
2. **First Letter Sounds:** Instead of saying the name of the animal on the calling card, tell them only the first letter. Have them raise their hand to “guess” what the animal is by finding animals on their board that start with that letter. This can reinforce first letter sounds for young kids because they’ll be focusing on and hearing all the words on their board that begin with (for example) the letter B.
3. **Rotate Callers:** Let kids choose a calling card and say the name of the animal they picked out of the bag. It will be reading and public speaking practice.
4. **Zoo Field Trip:** Plan a trip to the zoo or give kids a copy of the board for their own trips to the zoo. They can mark off each animal they see.
5. **Story Prompts:** Have kids roll 2 dice. The first dice tells you the row #, the second one tells you the column #. If either of the dice is a 6, treat it as a wild card – the child can choose! Have them do this twice to pick 2 animals, and ask them to write a sentence, paragraph, or short story about the 2 animals.

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- 30 unique Bingo boards
 - each on a half sheet of paper
 - 25 animal pictures on each board
- 97 big (1.5" x 1.8") and 97 small (1" x 1.2") calling cards
- Instructions for assembly
- Ideas for how to play and learn

