

African Elephant Crossing and African Savanna Scavenger Hunt: Grades 4-6

1. Elephants are known for their long trunks and large tusks. Observe the elephants in their exhibit. What do you see them using their trunks for? What do you see them using their tusks for?
2. Meerkats live in large groups called mobs. Observe the meerkats and read the information posters around their exhibit. What are the benefits of living together in a large community?
3. While you are observing the meerkats, do you notice any of the meerkats exhibiting unique or interesting behaviors? What does it appear that they are doing?
4. Head over to the lion exhibit. Chances are that they are sleeping because lions sleep 15-20 hours a day. Why might lions spend so much of their days sleeping?
5. Watch the lions for a few minutes. What communication or behaviors do you see the lions displaying? Do you see any similarities in their behavior with one another and with their environment that is similar to a house cat?
6. Walk over to the African Savanna and observe the bontebok and zebra, two herd animals. Why might zebra and bontebok live in large herds in the wild?
7. Giraffe have very long necks. Watch the giraffe in their exhibit and at the feeding deck, if possible. How does having a long neck help a giraffe?
8. At night, giraffe sleep in shifts, with one or two always awake. Why might this be?
9. “Rhinoceros” is Greek for “nose horn”. Watch the rhinoceros in its exhibit. What do you see them using their horns for?
10. Head over to Monkey Island and observe the Colobus monkeys. Carnivores eat meat; herbivores eat plants, like fruits and vegetables, and omnivores eat both meat and plants. Some primates are carnivorous, some are omnivorous, and some are herbivorous. What do you see the Colobus monkeys eating? Are Colobus monkeys carnivores, herbivores, or omnivores? Are you a carnivore, an herbivore, or an omnivore?