



Adaptations: Tail Trivia

Virtual Classroom Extension

Grade Levels

Grade 2

Objectives

Players will demonstrate their knowledge of different animal tail adaptations while playing a fun game! This activity can be used with your at home students after viewing the Adaptations: Asian Highlands Facebook Live stream from 3/31/2020.

Materials

- Tail trivia clue sheet
- Optional: pencils and paper or small white boards and dry erase markers

Procedures/How to play

- Review what was learned about adaptations with your at home students and discuss how animals use their tails for a variety of different things. Some may use a tail for protection, others for locomotion and others maybe simply to attract a mate.
- Explain that you are going to play a game involving animal tail trivia.
- Read each clue out loud and allow players to guess what animal is being described. (example: This animal uses its tail to balance on during a fight, freeing up its feet for kicking. Answer: kangaroo)
- The game can be played a number of different ways:
 1. As a question and answer discussion by reading clues and players raising hands to give answers.
 2. Players can stand in a line, each with a piece of paper and pencil or white board and dry erase marker. After each clue is read, players secretly write down their answers. When the correct answer is given, any players that got it right can take one step forward. Whoever gets the farthest by the end of the game is the winner!

Bonus: Play with friends!

- Encourage your at home students to challenge their friends to join in the fun by playing virtually through text, facetime, Skype, etc. (with adult permission and/or supervision).
- Players can research more animal tails and create their own clues and answers to send back and forth.

- Players can even use other animal adaptations to challenge friends with fun animal clues and answers.
 - Reading resource: [What Do You Do with a Tail Like This?](#) By Steve Jenkins & Robin Page
 - Watch and listen: [here](#)

Standards

Ohio Academic Content Standards
Grade 2 Life Science Topic: Interactions within Habitats Living things cause changes on Earth. All organisms alive today result from their ancestors, some of which may be extinct. Not all kinds of organisms that lived in the past are represented by living organisms today.