



GROUP COHESION ACTIVITIES

Activity 2: The zoo game

This game encourages ...

Listening skills, awareness of self and others.

Preparation

This game can be played either with or without props. For props you could use plastic animals, photographs of animals, etc.

The story can be made up on the spot or prepared earlier. I have a selection of stories that I have laminated and re-use. An example is given on the next page.

Instructions

- If using props, ask each child to choose an animal.
- A story is then read to the children either using a prepared story or one made up then and there.
- The children listen to the story and when their animal is mentioned, they stand up, turn around and sit back down again.
- When the word 'Zoo' is mentioned, everybody does the above action.

Variation

- Change the topic to a farm story or a story about Christmas or school and use appropriate props if necessary.
- If the topic is changed, then the key word will need to change also, eg, to 'farm' or 'Christmas'.