

Follow the Zookeeper

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Students form a line at the top of the slide. The first person slides down looking and sounding like an animal of their choice. The second person follows by displaying the same animal and sound, then the third, and so on. After the last person in line is finished, the game starts over with a new leader (the second person in line), and a new animal.

Play Element: Sliding

NASPE Standards

#2, #3, #5, and #6

Benefits

- Integrates science with physical activity
- Fosters creativity, body awareness, and leadership opportunities

Teaching Tips

- Choose animal ecologies related to science lessons in the classroom, such as the ocean, jungle, rain forest, or desert. The teacher calls out a type of ecology and the leader models a representative animal from that ecology.
- Let students view the leader's animal movement from the base of the slide before attempting to copy it.

Safety Tips

- Ensure that children use the slide one at a time.
- Ensure that there is sufficient playground safety surfacing under and around the equipment.



Variations

Easier | Provide the leader with a few animal options to choose from (dog, hawk, elephant, fish, alligator).

More Challenging | Change leaders more often by identifying a new leader before the last student in line slides down the slide.

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