

Imagine you are visiting the zoo, there are so many animals to see!

Say and clap the animal names. Can you write down a rhythm to match each animal?

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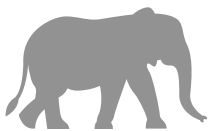
What other animals do you see? Write their names and rhythms below.

Now let's take a tour of the zoo! Choose an animal order and clap the rhythms without hesitation.

Compose an animal song!

1. Choose your favourite animals and write down their rhythms on a piece of paper.
2. Choose a hand position and have a “noodle” using the rhythms you have written. You may like to use white keys, black keys or a mixture of both!
3. When you are happy with your tune, write the names of the notes below the rhythm.
4. Now describe your animals in sound!
Is your animal loud or soft?
Does it move fast or slow?
Are smooth sounds or bouncy sounds best?

Here are some examples!



Try playing slow, low, loud notes



Try jumping around to different notes all over the piano



Try watery, smooth sounds by using the pedal

5. Now put your melody and animal sounds together. For example; play your animal rhythm and tune followed by their sounds. What do you think sounds best?

6. Write out a plan to help you remember the order of your animal song. Make sure you think of a title!

Practice playing your composition until you are ready to perform it.

