



Animal Movement Game



Activity available at
toddlersapproved.com

Materials Needed:

- Set of 10 baby animal movement cards- [DOWNLOAD THEM HERE](#)
- Painters tape

Directions:

1. Print off cards ([download the cards here](#)) on pastel/spring colored cardstock
2. Tape cards to floor using painters tape

Ways to play:

- Start by walking around (or running) to each card with your child. When you get to a card, point to the picture, say the name of the baby animal and the animal's mommy, read the action statement, and then demonstrate how your child can do the action stated. Have them copy you and then move to the next card.
- Say the name of an animal, tell child to run to the card, touch it, read the action, and do it! (repeat for all animals)
- Say the action that the animal does and have child try and run and stand on the correct card, say the animal name, and then do the action (repeat for all animals)
- Say the alphabet letter that the animal's name starts with/ends with. Have child run to find correct animal, stand on the card, and do the correct action (repeat for all animals)
- Show your child an action, have them try and run to the correct animal card, say the animal name, and repeat the action.
- Name the mother animal and then have the child try and find the baby animal card. For example, "Find the animal who's mommy is a horse." Once they find the correct card, act out the action stated on the card.
- Our last version of the game included taping the cards up at eye level and giving your child a bean bag. Ask a question and then your child can throw the bean bag at the correct baby animal target. Or you can practice letter sounds! "Throw your bean bag at an animal that begins with the letter b..." or "Throw the bean bag at an animal that starts with the /c/ sound."

Learn More About Baby Animals



There are tons of videos online that show all different kinds of baby animals! Search for an appropriate video and watch it with your child! Videos like:

- [Baby Animals on the Farm](#)
- [Smithsonian Live Animal Cameras](#)
- [San Diego Zoo](#)

Use these videos to start conversations about baby animals!

- How do these baby animals eat?
- Do they all eat in the same way or differently?
- What type of animal is your favorite? Why?
- What would your life be like if you were turned into your favorite animal?