



Thinking Abilities and General Knowledge Activity for 48 to 54 Months

Animal Habitat Sorting

Sorting objects or pictures by category serves as a foundation for logic, as well as a basis for developing the concept of numbers.

Materials:

- Animal language cards or pictures of different animals

What to do:

1. Encourage the child to sort the animal cards according to the habitat (or home) in which that animal generally lives. Keep in mind a child may choose the "zoo" habitat since that may be the only habitat she associates with the animal.
2. Encourage the child to sort the animals according to farm, woods, tundra, jungle, or ocean. (This may vary depending upon the child's developmental level.)
3. Discuss why the characteristics of each habitat are appropriate for the animal's home.

