

My Journey Home Family Connection

Your child will listen to and explore a book called *Move!*
This book tells how different kinds of animals move.

DAY
1

Animal Dances Draw simple sketches of animals on several slips of paper. Mix up the slips in a pile. Have your child pick a paper, name the animal, and tell how the animal moves. Then together, make up a silly animal dance that you both can do.

CHALLENGE

Work together to write directions for performing one of the silly animal dances. You and your child can draw pictures and create sentences to tell how the animal moves.

DAY
2

Caption It This week your child is learning to read the word *a*. Choose a few storybook or magazine pictures. Work with your child to write captions for the pictures, making sure to include the word *a* in each sentence. Your child can write the word *a* and you can write the other words. Here are some examples.

This is a big snake. Here is a teddy bear.

DAY
3

Tongue Twister Teach your child this tongue twister: *Cousin Cathy can cut cooked carrots*. Practice saying it together. Then say the tongue twister slowly. Ask your child to count how many times he or she hears the sound for the letter *c* as in *cat* in the tongue twister.

Tip!

Here are some more tongue twisters: *Calvin Calf calls Carla Cow; Carmen Cat counts candy canes; Captain Cole can carry candles.*

Fly Away Read the fingerplay below to your child and teach the actions.
As you read the fingerplay a few more times, have your child join in.

Two Little Blackbirds

Two little blackbirds sitting on a hill,

(Put one finger on each shoulder.)

One named Jack,

(Hold up one finger.)



One named Jill.

(Hold up the other finger.)

Fly away, Jack. Fly away, Jill.

(Put one finger behind back, then the other.)

Come back, Jack. Come back, Jill.

(Return one finger to shoulder, then the other.)

It's in the Details Find animal pictures with plenty of details.
Glue each picture onto cardboard or stiff paper. Then cut the pictures
into large puzzle shapes. Work with your child to put the puzzles
together. Help your child focus on picture details.



Book Links

- *Elephants Cannot Dance!* by Mo Willems
- *Fast and Slow: An Animals Opposites Book*, by Lisa Bullard **CHALLENGE**



Internet Challenge Together, go to the library or search the Internet to look for the fastest animal, the slowest animal, the animal that can jump the highest, or the animal that can dive the deepest.