



Learn to Call Small Animals

Sing an animal rhyme, listen to the question, and copy the animal sound.

Helps Your Child Grow



Attending and Understanding

Listening to a simple question and responding with an animal sound, word, or short phrase gives your child practice in conversational comprehension.



Memory

Recalling which sound belongs to each animal gives your child practice retrieving a learned association.

Steps

- Gather toy or stuffed animals such as a cat, dog, pig, and duck. Name each one, then listen together to recordings of the animal sounds.
- Once the sounds are familiar, sing an original call-and-response chant while holding up each animal: “Kitty, kitty, what do you say? Meow, meow, meow!” Continue with the dog, pig, and duck.
- After several repetitions, hold up the cat and pause: “Kitty, kitty, what do you say?” Invite your child to supply the sound.
- If they need help, offer two choices: “Does the cat say meow or woof?”
- Respond warmly to any attempt, then continue with another animal so your child gains confidence joining the exchange.

Tips

- Make the chant livelier by copying each animal’s movements and inviting your child to move with you.
- Ask slowly and clearly, then pause. A little thinking time helps your child understand the question before answering.

Observations

- Answers your question with an animal sound
- Imitates animal sounds they remember