

Are you Wild?



Essential Question:

What kind of animals do we protect in National Parks?

Objective:

Students will be able to distinguish between wild and domestic animals.

Background:

Animals protected in the nature of National Parks are wild animals, not domestic. Brainstorm what makes an animal “wild” or “domestic.” Another word for domestic is “tame.”

National Parks are very important because they protect the habitats of these wild animals. National Parks protect and preserve many other things too such as plants, the environment, and history.

What makes a wild animal wild?

- They live free on their own in nature. This means they do not have people taking care of them. They might have their parents taking care of them though.
- They find their own food and water (or their parents help them).
- They find their own shelter (or their parents help them).
- The animals that live out in the nature of National Parks are wild.

What makes an animal domestic?

- They do not live free out in nature.
- They could be animals that live on a farm.
- They could be pets.
- They need people to feed them and take care of them.
- Domestic animals do NOT live out in the nature of National Parks.

Materials:

- Glue
- Scissors
- 2 pieces of paper

Procedure:

Students cut out the pictures of animals below and sort them into 2 groups – wild and domestic, based on the discussion noted in the Background Section.

Review why certain animals are wild and others are domestic.

Then, they glue the wild animals on a piece of paper labeled “wild” and the domestic animals on a piece of paper labeled “domestic.”

Conclusion and Assessment: Make a list or draw other animals that are wild. Maybe some of these live in National Parks! Circle the ones you have seen before!



