

Activity: **Guess The Animal**

This is an easy game for children to learn about the animals in Australia that are unique to us, and significant to First Nations cultures. According to [Common Ground](#):

“This relationship with animals is evident throughout First Nations knowledge systems. Animals are woven into the Dreaming, Songlines and stories that have been handed down from our Ancestors. They teach us lessons and illustrate connections between the natural environment and Country.”

Instructions:

1. Load the Powerpoint “Guess the Animal” (download it [here](#)) on a projector screen.
2. Have the children sit in a semi-circle to view the slideshow.
3. Explain the significance of animals to Aboriginal cultures in plain and simple language (see above Common Ground link for some great information).
4. Begin the slideshow - each animal has two slides, the first unlabeled, the second with the animal name.
5. On the unlabeled slide, ask the children to identify the animal - many of them will know the kangaroo, the koala, and so forth, but others are slightly more challenging.
6. Ask as you go along who knows anything about various animals - some children will have seen these animals in a zoo, or even in their backyards.

Note: Feel free to adapt the powerpoint slides as appropriate to your cohort!