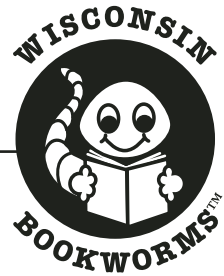


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Activity Sheet



We All Went on a Safari: A Counting Journey Through Tanzania

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Join Arusha, Mosi, Tumpe and their Maasai friends as they embark on an exciting counting adventure through the grasslands of Tanzania! Children will discover different African animals — lions, hippos, warthogs and monkeys — as they learn to count from one to 10 in both English and Swahili.

Before you read this book: Explore Tanzania and Africa. Look at maps, talk about safaris, the Maasai people, Swahili and the animals of the land. Decorate your reading space with pictures of the animals of Tanzania. Pre-read the book, practicing the Swahili names.

While you read this book: Point to the numbers on the pages, emphasizing the words. Repeat the number in both English and Swahili. Ask your children to say the word. Be sure to count each animal as you explore the book.

Reading Tip: Encourage the children to repeat what you say or comment on it. Encourage them to ask questions. Provide models of interesting questions and examples of possible answers: "I wonder what will happen next? I think the rabbit will get lost because he is not paying attention to where he is going. What do you think?"

After you read this book: Get ready for your own outdoor adventure. Make trail mix out of raisins, coconut, pretzels, etc. (watch for food allergies!). Invite your kids to place a spoonful of each ingredient into a small plastic bag.

Make sit-upons: Show your kids how to fold sheets of newspaper into two-foot strips, then weave the strips together to make a square mat to sit on outside (or during reading time). Tape or staple the edges.

Play a sorting game with animal pictures. Categorize the pictures — which animals have tails, live in the water? Think up your own sorting ideas.

At home: If you can, visit a local zoo for a great safari adventure together.

Extend the fun: "Starry Safari" by Linda Ashman, illustrated by Jeff Mack, "Safari Animals" by Paul Hess, "Safari" by Robert Bateman, "Meerkat's Safari" by Claudia Graziano, illustrated by Michelle Barbera

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