

# Animal Mix-Up

Animal Mix-Up is a fun game for any age. It can be used in different ways.

## Preparing the game:

Print the pages of animals on card stock. (Copy paper can be used, but you will have to use a colored pencil to scribble on the back of the page to avoid being able to see through the pages when playing the game.) After printing, laminating the pages will make the game last longer. After laminating, cut the pages apart on the lines, so you have three separate sections. You will notice that the middle section is a little smaller than the top and bottom, but that is due to printers having varying margins for printing. If you want all pieces the same size, the top and bottom pieces can be trimmed, but it is not necessary.

## Playing the game:

There are two ways to use this game.

First, for young children who like easy puzzles, they can simply take the pieces, mix them up, and find the ones that go together to make each animal.

The second way to play the game makes it a fun, competitive game for the entire family. After the game is prepared, turn the pieces upside down and mix them up in the center of the playing area, leaving them somewhat scattered after mixing. The first player draws a card. If they get the top part of an animal, they can lay the card face up in front of them. If they do not get the top part of an animal, the card goes back in the mix and their turn ends. Then it is the next player's turn.

Each player takes a turn in the same way, until play returns to the first player. When the first player takes their second turn, they draw a card. If it is the top part of an animal, they can put it down in front of them, or if they get the middle part of an animal, they can put the card down with the top part they drew previously. A player can only have two unfinished animals in front of them at any time. If the player does not draw a middle part or a top part to an animal, they return the card to the stack. Either way, their turn ends and it is the next player's turn.

The object of the game is to complete as many animals as possible, but you have to draw a top part first, then a middle part, then a bottom part last. It does not matter if the parts do not go to the same animal. That is what makes the game so fun and interesting—seeing what kind of funny animals you can make while trying to win the game!

The game is over when all animal parts have been drawn and played, or there is nothing left that anyone can use. The person with the most completed animals (not necessarily properly-assembled animals!) wins.





