Unit 5: Animals

Content Area: **Spanish**
Course(s): **Spanish**
Time Period: **Generic Time Period**
Length: **Weeks**
Status: **Published**

Unit Overview

In this unit, students will learn Spanish vocabulary for various common animals and will use vocabulary learned in previous units to describe the animals. They will also be introduced to masculine and feminine nouns (i.e *el gato* is a male cat; *la gata* is a female cat).

Standards

WL.7.1.NM.A.1	Recognize familiar spoken or written words and phrases contained in culturally authentic materials using electronic information and other sources related to targeted themes.
WL.7.1.NM.A.5	Demonstrate comprehension of brief oral and written messages using age - and level - appropriate, culturally authentic materials on familiar topics.
WL.7.1.NM.B.4	Ask and respond to simple questions, make requests, and express preferences using memorized words and phrases.
WL.7.1.NM.B.5	Exchange information using words, phrases, and short sentences practiced in class on familiar topics or on topics studied in other content areas.
WL.7.1.NM.C.2	Imitate, recite, and/or dramatize simple poetry, rhymes, songs, and skits.
WL.7.1.NM.C.3	Copy/write words, phrases, or simple guided texts on familiar topics.
WL.7.1.NM.C.4	Present information from age - and level - appropriate, culturally authentic materials orally or in writing.

Essential Questions

How does the Spanish vocabulary for animals differ from the English vocabulary for the same animals?

Why does the bird in English say "tweet" and in Spanish say "pio, pio"?

Application of Knowledge and Skills...

Students will know that...

- ¿El animal es grande?, is asking if the animal is big
- ¿El animal es pequeño?, is asking if the animal is small
- ¿Qué es esto? means "What is this?"
- Some of the noises that are associated with animals in Spanish are different than the noises that are associated with animals in English
- To ask the color of the animal, students state the question, ¿Qué color es?
- To respond to the big or small question, the students will use Sí, es (size) or No, no es (size)
- To respond to the question, "what is this?", students state, Es (It is) and then the name of the animal
- To respond, to the color question, students state, Es (It is), followed by the color

Students will be able to...

- answer basic questions about animals in Spanish
- orally ask questions about animals
- orally describe animals in Spanish
- recognize and express animal vocabulary
- recognize the Spanish names for animal noises

Assessments

- Animal Project
- Animals Test
- Diagnostic: Oral Report
- Diagnostic: Other visual assessments
- Other written assessments
- Pre-assessment
- Students create a poster of their favorite animals and present the poster to the class in Spanish.
- Students identify the Spanish word for each animal picture and identify the animal based upon the Spanish sound that the animal makes. Students answer basic questions about various Spanish animals.
- Students identify the Spanish word for the animals projected on the Smart Board and respond to basic questions about the animals.

Activities

- Read a famous story, such as The Three Little Pigs, in Spanish. Students identify the story and circle the Spanish vocabulary that they recognize.
- Students select different animals from a bag and answer color and size questions about the animal.
- Illustrate a farm and paste on labels for the names of the animals
- Sing "Old McDonald" in Spanish to review animal vocabulary

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Old McDonald (Spanish)

Activities to Differentiate Instruction

- Smart Board Activities
- Animal review games on the computer
- Create flashcards to review vocabulary
- Bingo review game

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Spanish Animal Game
Animal Review Game (Quia)
Spanish Quia Review Game

Integrated/Cross-Disciplinary Instruction

- "Old McDonald" (music)
- The Three Little Pigs (Language Arts)

*see link

"Old McDonald" Spanish Song

Resources

- Animal Review Worksheets
- "Old McDonald" Song
- Animal Worksheets
- Animal Review Games
- Smart Board Activities
- Spanish animal websites
- Dime Workbook
- Spanish Vocabulary Workbook

*see links

Spanish Animals Printable Worksheets
More Spanish Animal Worksheets

- Spanish Animal Game
- "Old McDonald" Spanish Song
- Spanish Animal Website
- Spanish Animal Website II
- Smart Board Activities