



Grassland Habitat

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SUMMER LESSONS



Extended Learning Partnership

Grasslands: What is an herbivore?

A **grassland** is a large open area with lots of grass and a few bushes and trees. At the Fresno Chaffee Zoo, our large grasslands habitat is our African savanna. Because the grasslands are so big and have so much grass, a lot of animals can live there that like to eat grass and other plants.

An animal that eats only plants is called an **herbivore**. In the video you got to meet a lot of herbivores. Kangaroos, rhinos, elephants, and wildebeests are a few of our grass eaters at the zoo. Giraffes are also plant eaters, but instead of eating grass, they prefer the leaves that are high up in the trees. With their long necks, they are able to reach those leaves high up in the trees where the other animals can't reach them. All herbivores need to have special teeth for eating plants. Their teeth are wide and flat for grinding and chewing their food in their mouth.

Activity:

- Take your finger and touch your teeth in the back of your mouth. You also have flat grinding herbivore teeth to help you eat plants. Those flat grinding teeth help you to chew plants like apples and carrots.
- Ask an adult to help you prepare an herbivore snack. Some fruits and vegetables need to be washed and cut before you eat them so make sure an adult helps you.

Writing prompt:

- Write about or draw three different kinds of plant food that you like to eat. Then ask a family member what their favorite kinds of plants are to eat. Compare your favorites together and see if any of them are the same.

Math:

- There are 7 elephants and 9 zebras in the grasslands. Which group of animals has more? Which group of animals has less?
- Baba the giraffe at the zoo is 15 feet tall. Her son Jabari is 17 feet tall. Which Giraffe is taller, Baba the mom, or Jabari her son?

Check for Understanding:

- What kind of teeth do you need to eat plants?

