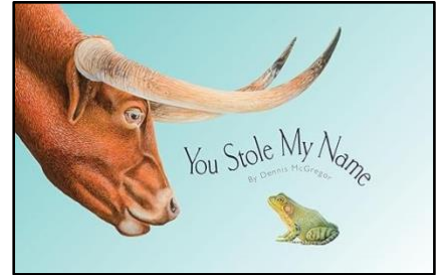


You Stole My Name

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Book Summary

This colorful book is about animals with compound word names. It shows bright illustrations of two animals, one which shares the same name as the other one. For example, Catfish, Tiger Shrimp, and Spider Monkey. This book explains how they are not the same animal but share a similarity, giving them the same names.

Read Aloud Questions

1. How are these animals similar?
2. How many legs does a spider have?
3. How are these animals different?
4. How are a chicken and a hawk different?
5. Is the fish flying in this picture?
6. Why do you think the rhinoceros and the beetle share a name?

Book Activity

Materials:

- prepared cubes/dice
- construction Paper
- washable markers
- scissors

Directions:

PREPARE THE FOLLOWING BEFORE YOU BEGIN LESSON:

Print and Prepare Dice Template

Use the [Free Dice pattern](#) to create dice. Write animal names from the book on each side of the dice before folding. Make sure no one dice has the same animals on them so the dice can be used in pairs or sets. Use different colors to separate each dice from each other.

Shutter Fold Paper

Follow the directions for creating a 4 door shutter fold on page 17 of [Dinah Zyke's Foldables](#).

Activity Directions:

1. After reading, *You Stole My Name* aloud to students, ask them if they remember some of the animal names from the story.
2. Place students in groups of 2-3 to work together.
3. Each student will need a shutter folded piece of construction paper.
4. Give each pair sets of prepared dice. They will also need markers.
5. Have the students roll each die to get two names and write both names on the right and left flaps of the top half of the paper (shutter doors #1-2).
6. Students then open the shutters and draw/create the animal with the two words together, like the animal names in the book.
7. Repeat steps 5 and 6 to create a second animal for the bottom two shutters (doors #3-4).
8. Have students share with the other students in the group.
9. Ask students questions about their animals, such as: What sound does your animal make?, Would this animal be a good pet? Why? Why not?, What does the animal eat?





Additional Resources

- [Compound Animal Names](#)
- [Guess the Word \(Compound Words\)](#)
- [Spot The Zoo Animals! Word Scramble Puzzle: ProProfs Games](#)
- [Animal Words - Safe Kid Games](#)

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