



Banff National Park ESL

Activity Eleven: *Game Show*

CLB: 3-7

Topic: Canada's National Parks, Wildlife of the Parks

Goal: Build knowledge of Canada's National Parks, Historic Sites and Wildlife

Materials: Shaker, game question sheet, point cards (can be recycled paper with 100 points written on each, pictures of: deer antlers, moose antlers, big horn sheep horn; \$1 coin, 5 cent coin

Grouping: 3-6 teams of equal numbers. This activity can accommodate small or very large groups.

Time: 30 minutes Game, 10-15 minutes discussion

Activity Outline:

- Teams line up in rows behind a start line.
- A shaker is placed 5 metres ahead on a table.
- A question will be called out and with or without consultation with their team-members, the team member at the front of the line runs to the shaker to answer the question.
- Only the team member at the front of the line may shake the shaker.
- If the answer is correct, the team is awarded the point card and the front row team member moves to the back of their row. If the answer is incorrect, the person at the front of the line from one of the other teams may attempt an answer. However, they can only give one answer, if their answer is also incorrect, they must also run to the back of the line.





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- If no one knows the answer, the instructor is awarded the points. Keep a running tally on the board of your points, and which questions were not answered. This allows you to share the answers with the group when they don't know the information being asked.
- If teams have uneven numbers, that allows the front line players to be different each time but this is not necessary
- Instructor may add some information about each question at the end of each question and will have a discussion with the group at the conclusion of the activity.



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Game Show Questions

1. Hold up the photo of deer antlers and ask what animal these come from?
2. We have feet. Some animals have paws. Name 3 animals in the park that have paws. (Various answers)
3. We have hair on our heads. What is this called on animals? (Fur)
4. What are two things that Parks Canada does? (Various answers: protect natural and cultural heritage, national parks, national historic sites, national marine conservation areas)
5. There are some animals in the park that look like dogs. Name two animals that are similar to dogs. (Wolf, coyote)
6. In the early days, before cars, tell me two ways that visitors got to Banff National Park. (Train and horse)
7. When you are out hiking, you don't want to surprise a bear. You want a bear to know that you are in the area. What can you do so that you don't surprise a bear and let it know you are in the area? (Sing, call out, talk loudly... * bear bells alone are not enough)
8. Hold up a picture of a horn from a big horn sheep. This is a horn. Name the animal that this horn came from. (explain about the material being the same as that of our nails)
9. A skunk has something down its back. What is this called and what colour is it? (white stripe)
10. We have a bird on our \$1 coin. What is this bird called? (Hints: It starts with an "L". The nickname of this coin is a loonie. The name of the bird only has four letters (Loon).
11. Other than food, what are some things that a bear would consider food? (point for each answer given – one answer per try- keep allowing answers until most are given)
12. If you are driving a car and you see a bear by the road, what should you do? (Stay in your car, do NOT feed it, keep your distance – give it room to feed and move safely).

13. Was Banff National Park Canada's 1st national park, Canada's 3rd national park, or Canada's last national Park? (1st national park)
14. Now that you know that Banff is Canada's first national park, do you think it was established in A)1750 B)1885 or C)1935 (Answer: 1885)
15. Hold up the photo of moose antlers. Here is another set of antlers. What animal do these come from?
16. You said that those antlers were from a moose. A moose doesn't have feet like us, or paws like a cougar or bear. What are a moose's feet called? (Hooves)
17. In the past, hunting was allowed in the park, is hunting still allowed in the park? (No)
18. Is it true that you can't pick flowers or remove anything, like interesting rocks, from a national park? (Yes)
19. Which animal is larger: a coyote, a wolf, or a squirrel? (Wolf, coyote, squirrel)
20. There are grey wolves in Banff National Park. What colour is a grey wolf? (could be any colour from black to white)
21. True or false, and if false, explain your answer. The difference between a grizzly bear and a black bear is that a black bear is black. (A grizzly bear can be black and a black bear could be brown – colour is not the distinguishing factor)
22. Animals have different kinds of tails. Name three animals that you can find in the park: one with a bushy tail, one with a short tail and one with a long thin tail.
23. Elk can be very dangerous at certain times of the year. When can they be very dangerous and why? (spring- calving season and fall-rutting season)
24. There is an animal on the back of the 5 cent coin. You can see this animal in Banff National Park. (Hints: It has a very strong, flat tail like a paddle. It has long teeth for cutting down trees. Beaver)

25. Why do we have national parks in Canada? (Protect unique examples of Canada's natural and cultural heritage, provide opportunities to learn, and experience these places.)
26. If you see a bear, what is a safe distance to view it? A) 50 meters B) 100 meters C) 200 meters (Answer: 100)
27. Banff National Park has a highway running through it. How do animals cross from one side of the highway to the other side? (wildlife overpasses, wildlife tunnels)
28. If you see a bear and it sees you, what should you do? Give three things. (stay calm, speak to the bear in a low voice, back away slowly, make yourself appear big, don't drop your backpack, get bear spray ready, pick up kids..)
29. Normally, what do bears do in the winter? (hibernate)
30. Can you name any other national parks in Canada other than Banff National Park?



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