



## Banff National Park – ESL

### Activity Four: *Whiteboard Teasers (Warm-Up or Wind-Down)*

**CLB: 2-6** (CLB 2/3 will need to do vocabulary building activity 1 and 2 (below) but CLB 4-6 could proceed to activity 3 directly)

**Topic:** Animals

**Goal:** Build and review knowledge of animals, animal body terms, communication skills

**Language Focus:** Speaking, Reading

**Material:** None

**Grouping:** Whole group activity divided into groups of 2 or 3



**Activity Outline:**

Organize students into teams or small groups. Everyone needs a pencil and one paper between the team or group. Tell the team that when you say go, they have 2 minutes to write down all the things they can think of for each question. They are given 1 point for each animal not named by any other team. Team with the most points wins.

**Questions:**

Name all the animals you can see in Alberta

Name all the animals you can't see in Canada

List nouns to describe special parts animals have (example: horns)

Discuss as a group and introduce any vocabulary they may have missed (example: antlers, scales, fur, hooves, paws, claws, feathers etc.)

**Play the “Whiteboard Teaser”:**

Have one person in each team sit with their back to the board. Write the name of an animal on the board (use ones below or your own). The team member(s) that can see the word must give hints to their partner using animal parts (example: it has claws and fur), colour, size and other hints. They may not use gestures. The round stops when the first group gets the word.

Switch seats within each group so that another student has their back to the whiteboard, put up and new word and you are ready for the next round. Students guessing may consult a dictionary if needed. Make sure that all students giving the hints know the word before you start the round. Ask them to put up their hand if they don't know it and you have time to help them before the round starts.

**Wildlife category (images included)**

Lynx

Wolverine

Insect (Mountain Pine Beetle)

Squirrel

Elk

Fish

Deer

Mountain Goat

Cougar

Wolf (Wolves)

Moose

Grizzly Bear

Owl

**Adaptation: change the category to verb that animals do in the park or people do**

Climb

Crawl

Sing

Howl

Hike

**Adaptation: change the category to Nature**

River

Trail

Mountain

Fire

Lake

Nest

Glacier

Avalanche

Forest

Seed



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