

This card game is a companion activity to Lesson Plan 2: Ecological Role of Vultures. It can however be played on it's own.

INSTRUCTIONS:

Teams of two or more individuals play against each other. Each member in the team gets a turn to play-act a card and the team has to guess what he/she is acting out. The team that get the most correct guesses win. The team is only given twenty seconds to play-act each card. You are not allowed to use words, point to something, write or draw. Only acting (and the occasional sound) is allowed. The game can also be played in a large group with an individual play-acting and the group guessing. No competition.

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| <p>VULTURES HAVE A VERY ACIDIC DIGESTIVE SYSTEM THAT CAN EVEN DISSOLVE CERTAIN METALS. THIS ALLOWS THEM TO EAT ROTTEN MEAT WITHOUT GETTING SICK.</p> <p>ACT OUT THE FOLLOWING: NO TALKING, POINTING, WRITING, OR DRAWING ALLOWED</p> <p>STOMACH ACID</p> | <p>VULTURES MIGHT BE ABLE TO EAT ROTTEN MEAT BUT THEY CANNOT DISSOLVE POISON. IF A CARCASS IS LACED WITH POISON, THE VULTURE WILL DIE.</p> <p>ACT OUT THE FOLLOWING: NO TALKING, SOUNDS, POINTING, WRITING, OR DRAWING ALLOWED</p> <p>POISON</p> | <p>CARCASSES CARRY DISEASES LIKE CHOLERA, ANTHRAX, BOTULISM, RABIES & SALMONELLA. VULTURES NEUTRALIZE THE PATHOGENS.</p> <p>ACT OUT THE FOLLOWING: NO TALKING, SOUNDS, POINTING, WRITING, OR DRAWING ALLOWED</p> <p>DISEASES</p> | <p>VULTURES HAVE MANY BACTERIA FIGHTING ANTIBODIES IN THEIR BLOOD THAT HELPS TO KEEP THEM HEALTHY.</p> <p>ACT OUT THE FOLLOWING: NO TALKING, SOUNDS, POINTING, WRITING, OR DRAWING ALLOWED</p> <p>BLOOD</p> |
| <p>VULTURES POOP DIRECTLY ON THEIR LEGS & ON THE GROUND. THE ACID IN THEIR POOP ACT LIKE A DISINFECTANT, KILLING GERMS BEFORE THEY CAN SPREAD.</p> <p>ACT OUT THE FOLLOWING: NO TALKING, POINTING, WRITING, OR DRAWING ALLOWED</p> <p>POOP ON LEGS</p> | <p>VULTURES HAVE BALD HEADS WHICH HELPS TO KEEP THEM CLEAN. THEY DON'T NEED TO PREEN & CLEAN THEMSELVES AS OFTEN.</p> <p>ACT OUT THE FOLLOWING: NO TALKING, POINTING, WRITING, OR DRAWING ALLOWED</p> <p>PREENING</p> | <p>THE SUN BAKES THE BALD HEAD OF THE VULTURE, FURTHER KILLING PATHOGENS THAT MIGHT STICK TO IT.</p> <p>ACT OUT THE FOLLOWING: NO TALKING, POINTING, WRITING, OR DRAWING ALLOWED</p> <p>SUNBURN ON HEAD</p> | <p>VULTURES ARE ABLE TO EAT 20% OF THEIR BODY WEIGHT IN ONE MEAL. THEY ARE ABLE TO DO THIS BECAUSE THEY HAVE AN ENLARGED OESOPHAGUS OR CROP.</p> <p>ACT OUT THE FOLLOWING: NO TALKING, POINTING, WRITING, OR DRAWING ALLOWED</p> <p>A FULL CROP</p> |
| <p>VULTURES CAN CONSUME A CARCASS THE SIZE OF A ZEBRA IN UNDER 30 MINUTES. BLOOD & GORE SPLATTERS EVERYWHERE WHEN THEY EAT.</p> <p>ACT OUT THE FOLLOWING: NO TALKING, POINTING, WRITING, OR DRAWING ALLOWED</p> <p>MESSY EATER</p> | <p>VULTURES ARE SO EAGER TO GET TO THE GOOD, SOFT BITS OF THE CARCASS, THAT THEY WILL EVEN CLIMB INTO THE STOMACH OF THE CARCASS.</p> <p>ACT OUT THE FOLLOWING: NO TALKING, POINTING, WRITING, OR DRAWING ALLOWED</p> <p>CLIMB INTO CARCASS</p> | <p>MOST VULTURES ARE UNABLE TO TEAR OPEN THE HIDE OF A CARCASS, & WILL START TO EAT THE SOFTER PARTS FIRST LIKE THE EYES & THE BUTT.</p> <p>ACT OUT THE FOLLOWING: NO TALKING, POINTING, WRITING, OR DRAWING ALLOWED</p> <p>EATING THE BUTT</p> | <p>VULTURES ARE ABLE TO VOMIT OUT THEIR WHOLE STOMACH CONTENT IN ORDER TO FLY AWAY QUICKER WHEN A PREDATOR TRIES TO CATCH IT. THE VOMIT MIGHT BURN THE PREDATOR.</p> <p>ACT OUT THE FOLLOWING: NO TALKING, POINTING, WRITING, OR DRAWING ALLOWED</p> <p>PROJECTILE VOMIT</p> |

AFTER A BIG MEAL, VULTURES ARE VERY FULL & MIGHT TAKE LONGER TO LIFT OFF FROM THE GROUND.

ACT OUT THE FOLLOWING:
NO TALKING, POINTING,
WRITING, OR DRAWING ALLOWED

**FULL BELLY
FLIGHT FAILURE**

VULTURES ARE SEEN AS THE SOAP OF THE SAVANNA BECAUSE THEY ARE ABLE TO FIND CARCASSES EARLY & EAT THEM FAST, KILLING DISEASE BEFORE IT SPREADS.

ACT OUT THE FOLLOWING:
NO TALKING, POINTING,
WRITING, OR DRAWING ALLOWED

**SOAP OF THE
SAVANNA**

HYENAS & LIONS CAN TEAR OPEN THE HIDE OF THE CARCASS TO ALLOW VULTURES TO GET TO THE SOFTER BITS INSIDE.

ACT OUT THE FOLLOWING:
NO TALKING, POINTING,
WRITING, OR DRAWING ALLOWED

**TEAR OPEN
CARCASS**

EGYPTIAN VULTURES OPEN OSTRICH EGGS USING A ROCK. SOMETIMES THEY HAVE TO DO IT SEVERAL TIMES BEFORE IT WORKS.

ACT OUT THE FOLLOWING:
NO TALKING, POINTING,
WRITING, OR DRAWING ALLOWED

**USE ROCK
TO OPEN EGG**

EGYPTIAN VULTURES HAVE FEATHERS ON THEIR HEAD & MOSTLY EAT INSECTS, LIZZARDS, WORMS, RATS, RABBITS, GARBAGE, OVER-RIPE FRUIT, & EGGS.

ACT OUT THE FOLLOWING:
NO TALKING, POINTING,
WRITING, OR DRAWING ALLOWED

HEAD FEATHERS

BEARDED VULTURES LOVE TO EAT BONES & MARROW. THEY CAN LIFT A BONE THEIR OWN BODY WEIGHT & FLY WITH IT.

ACT OUT THE FOLLOWING:
NO TALKING, POINTING,
WRITING, OR DRAWING ALLOWED

**FLY WITH A
HEAVY BONE**

BEARDED VULTURES BREAK THE BONES INTO TINY PIECES BY DROPPING IT ONTO ROCKS FROM HIGH UP. IT TAKES 7 YEARS TO PERFECT.

ACT OUT THE FOLLOWING:
NO TALKING, POINTING,
WRITING, OR DRAWING ALLOWED

DROP A BONE

VULTURES ARE MESSY EATERS & CAN GET COVERED IN ROTTEN MEAT, GUTS & BLOOD. THE FLIES LOVE THIS & WILL SWARM TO THE VULTURE.

ACT OUT THE FOLLOWING:
NO TALKING, POINTING,
WRITING, OR DRAWING ALLOWED

COVERED IN FLIES

VULTURES HAVE VERY GOOD EYESIGHT & CAN SPOT A DEAD OR DYING ANIMAL FROM 30 KM AWAY.

ACT OUT THE FOLLOWING:
NO TALKING, POINTING,
WRITING, OR DRAWING ALLOWED

GOOD EYESIGHT

THE LAPPET-FACED VULTURE HAS THE BIGGEST & STRONGEST BILL OF ALL VULTURES & CAN TEAR OPEN A CARCASS WITH A TOUGH HIDE.

ACT OUT THE FOLLOWING:
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WRITING, OR DRAWING ALLOWED

**BIG STRONG
BILL**

LAPPET-FACE VULTURES HAVE STRONG CLAWS & FEET THAT THEY USE TO RUN & WALK WITH. THEY ARE ABLE TO HOLD ONTO A CHUNK OF MEAT WHILE THEY TEAR OFF PIECES.

ACT OUT THE FOLLOWING:
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WRITING, OR DRAWING ALLOWED

**HOLD ONTO THE
MEAT WITH YOUR
FEET & EAT**

VULTURES WILL FIGHT OVER A CARCASS WITH THREAT DISPLAYS, STRUTTING, WIDE OPEN WINGS & MOUTH & LOTS OF HISSING & CHARGING

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THREAT DISPLAY

Why not create some of your own cards

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