

Rosa's Animal Fact-File: Mi Animal Favorito

Learning objective: To identify and describe animals in Spanish using accurate vocabulary and simple sentences, focusing on physical characteristics and habitats.

Use this fact-file to research an animal of your choice. Fill in the boxes using Spanish vocabulary for animal names, colors, and habitats. Refer to the word bank for help with adjectives and key phrases. For the 'Greater Depth' questions, provide your answers in English, justifying your ideas using your knowledge of animal biology.

Word bank: es (is) · tiene (has) · vive en (lives in) · grande (big) · pequeño (small) · rápido (fast) · lento (slow) · la selva (the jungle) · el mar (the sea) · la montaña (the mountain) · rojo/a, azul, verde, amarillo/a (red, blue, green, yellow)

1. Nombre del animal (Name of animal) and El Color (The color): Write the animal's name in Spanish and describe its primary color. (2 marks)

2. Descripción física (Physical description): Use 'tiene' to describe two physical features, such as eyes, legs, or fur. (3 marks)

3. Hábitat (Habitat): Where does your chosen animal live? Use the phrase 'vive en...' to explain. (2 marks)

4. Greater Depth: Explain why your chosen animal is perfectly adapted to its specific habitat. What might happen if its environment changed suddenly? (4 marks)

5. Greater Depth: Compare and contrast your animal with another species that lives in a different habitat. How do their physical features differ? (4 marks)

6. Greater Depth: Justify your answer: If you could add one new feature to this animal to help it survive better in the wild, what would it be and why? (4 marks)

Extension challenge: Create a 'Spanish Animal Riddle' card for a partner to solve. Write three clues in Spanish about your animal (e.g., 'Soy grande. Soy azul. Vivo en el mar.') and see if they can guess the animal correctly.