

Zoo Movements

(Tune: Old Dan Tucker)

Look at the animals in the zoo. (Kick legs out to the sides.)
We can do their movements, too.
Just pretend and play along
With the zoo movements song.
Kangaroos jump around... (Bend elbows like paws and jump.)
Bears put all fours on the ground...(Put hands and feet on ground and walk.)
Elephants stomp and swing their trunks...(Clasp hands, swing, and stomp.)
Flamingoes stretch their legs a bunch...(Arms like wings and kick legs.)
Giraffes walk on tippy toes...(Stretch neck and walk on toes.)
Zebras gallop to and fro...(Gallop in place.)
Snakes slither and wiggle...(Wiggle as you go up and down.)
Penguins wobble with a jiggle...(Palms out by sides and wobble.)
Gorillas scratch their heads and think...(Scratch heads and sides.)
Look out, there's a skunk that stinks!...(Point, hold nose, and run in place.)
We saw animals in the zoo. (Kick from side to side.)
And we did their movements, too.
Moving is fun to do.
It's good for our bodies and brains, too.

Activities: Make animal stick puppets and hold them up as you do different movements.
Play "Guess who I am?" Children take turns doing animal antics while classmates try and guess what they are.
Do animal relays on the playground. Gallop like zebras, jump like kangaroos, walk on tippy toes like giraffes, etc.
Which animal would you like to be and why?
How are we like animals? How are we different?