



Animal Digestion

The following activities are intended for use following the virtual tour of the Toronto Zoo's giraffe house, with a focus on digestive systems in animals.

ACTIVITY ONE - Animal Digestion Puzzle (pieces attached to accompanying link)

Your goal is to piece together the digestive systems of a herbivore (plant eater - Rhinoceros) and a carnivore (meat eater - Arctic Wolf). What do you notice about the digestive system in each animal? Parents, please see the next page for prompting questions to ask your child.

ACTIVITY TWO - Prehensile Challenge

You have learned that giraffes have a prehensile tongue (remember, prehensile means they can use it like a finger!). Pretend your finger is a giraffe's tongue - how many items in your home can you pick up with just one finger? Can you pick up more items than your sibling and/or parent?

ACTIVITY THREE - Food Log

Keep a food log for a day (writing down everything that you eat). Are you a herbivore (plant eater), a carnivore (meat eater), or an omnivore (plant AND meat eater)? Research some other animals that fall into the same category as you.

ACTIVITY FOUR - How do Giraffes Drink Water?

Since they are so high off the ground and their legs are so long, it is not easy for a giraffe to get a drink of water! Draw how you think a giraffe would get a drink of water in the wild.

ACTIVITY FIVE - Food in the Wild

You have learned what giraffes eat at the zoo. Do some research about what they might eat in the wild!

