



Silent Stalker

Materials: Spray bottle filled with water, blindfold/bandana, 3 tennis balls



Wild animals rely on their senses much more than humans do! Prey animals detect predators using sight, hearing, and smell.



Prey: An animal being hunted, caught, or eaten by another animal

Predator: An animal that hunts, catches, and eats other animals

Directions:

1

The "prey" animal should choose which one they want to be! Now have them sit on the ground and put the 3 tennis balls in front of them. These tennis balls represent the prey animal's babies.

2

Have them put their blindfold on and have the spray bottle in their hand. Everyone else who is playing should sit in a horseshoe shape several feet in front of them.

3

While the blindfold is on the prey animal, an adult will silently choose someone (a predator) to try and take one of their young. The blindfolded person cannot move from their seated spot! To catch the predator, they must spray them. But use them wisely. They only get 3 sprays per predator



Missed?

If the 3 sprays are all used up, and miss every time, the predator gets to take one of the "babies" (an item) and go back to their spot.

Got em!

If a predator gets sprayed before they get back to their seat with an item, they have to sit back in their spot and the adult chooses a new predator.

The prey animal's turn is over once all of the "babies" have been taken. Once that happens, choose a new prey animal and play again!



Parent Tip:

When wildlife habitats are encroached upon by urban areas, there are more difficulties for prey to detect predators. What are some of these difficulties? It is best to play outside for the full effect!