

Birds, Beasts, and Fishes

Impact:	Offers a good mental challenge and drama as people try to answer on the spot; can be used to demonstrate knowledge about nature or other subjects
Risk:	Medium
Group Size:	Unlimited, but divide into groups of 10
Time Required:	10 to 20 minutes or more
Materials:	None

Directions:

- Participants stand in a circle, facing the facilitator in the center. The facilitator spins around, stops, and then points to someone and says "Bird," "Beast," or "Fish." Then the facilitator counts to three. Before he or she reaches three, the designated person must name a specific bird, beast, or fish, depending on the category that was mentioned. If a person responds incorrectly, repeats an animal that has already been said, or takes too long, he or she is out, and the game goes on with the remaining players.

Hint: Using three categories makes this game very difficult. Start with two categories, and then introduce others as people get warmed up.

Discussion:

- What made this game difficult?
- What does the game show us about our knowledge of nature?

Option:

- Use different categories, such as "Vegetable," "Fruit," and "Beverage."