



# SeaWorld/Busch Gardens Wetlands

## K-3 Classroom Activities

### Wetland Word Game

#### OBJECTIVE

The student will differentiate between nouns and verbs.

#### ACTION

1. Create *Wetland Word Game* cards by copying the cards on pages 8 and 9. Cut apart and tape cards onto index cards. Cover each card with contact paper, or laminate. Attach a paper clip to each card, and place the whole set in a bucket. Tie or glue a magnet to one end of a 61-cm (24-in.) length of string. Tie the other end of the string around the dowel tip. Place the dowel and the bucket in a spot that's accessible to students.
2. Review nouns and verbs with your students. Point out the bucket and dowel and explain that you have a fun way to practice identifying nouns from verbs. Choose one student to demonstrate the activity.
3. Have the student stand about one foot away from the bucket of words. Direct her/him to dip the magnet into the bucket and pull it out again. Have her/him remove the card attached to the magnet.
4. Help the student read the word. Ask the class to decide if the word is a noun or a verb. Place nouns in one pile and verbs in another pile.
5. Choose a few more students to each fish out another word. Ask students to put some nouns and verbs together (example: frog and jump; duck and swim; etc.). Repeat the activity until all students have had a chance to "fish."
6. Leave the bucket and dowel where students can use them as an enrichment activity when they've finished other work.

## DEEPER DEPTHS

Students choose two nouns and two verbs to use as the basis of a story about a wetland. Have students add verbs and nouns to the word list.

## MATERIALS

### For class:

- 20 3 x 5 in. index cards
- 61-cm (24-in.) dowel string or yarn paper
- 20 paper clips
- small magnet
- glue
- bucket
- contact paper (optional)
- 1/2 in. dowel (2 feet or longer)



American alligators live in fresh and brackish swamps from North Carolina to Texas.

Wetland Word Game Cards Verbs

fly

jump

swim

flow

splash

crawl

grow

blow

creep

skim

Wetland Word Game Cards Nouns

marsh

frog

duck

water

alligator

fish

moss

cattail

nail

heron