

PBS Media Highlights: Animal Communication

Educational science videos for your classroom

ABOUT THIS GUIDE

Have you ever wondered what animals are saying to each other? Explore the way animals communicate by watching these videos and playing interactives.

GRADE K-3

LIFE SCIENCE

VIDEOS &
INTERACTIVES from
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K-12 SCIENCE FRAMEWORK

DISCIPLINARY CORE IDEAS

LS 3: Heredity:
Inheritance and variation
of traits

MEDIA and the CA COMMON CORE STATE STANDARDS

MEDIA VIEWING TIPS

K-3 Reading Standards
for Informational Text

Key Ideas & Details:

While watching the video ask and answer such questions as who, what, where, when, why and how to check for understanding key details in text.

Integration of Knowledge and Ideas:

After watching two videos, describe the connection between two scientific ideas or concepts.



PRAIRIE DOG CALLS

In this video from DragonflyTV, Julian and Sabrina create sound spectrum snapshots of prairie dog barks to explore animal communication.



WHAT SOUNDS DO ANIMALS MAKE?

Although they can't speak, most animals have their own way of communicating. This video segment presents examples of animal communication.



HELLO DOGGIE!

Sid discovers that animals do communicate in lots of different ways, like using body language, making sounds, and barking!



SAY WHAT? – INTERACTIVE GAME

Play this interactive game to learn about animal communication. Sid and Gabriela help the user to learn the names of the animals and their associated noises. (English/Spanish)



BIRD CALL QUIZ - INTERACTIVE GAME

How do birds communicate with each other? Listen to bird songs and try to figure out which are songs, which are companion calls, and which are alarms.