MONTESSORI INSPIRED · AGES 3-6

My cards of nomenclature

Theme: animals



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12 animals · 3-part cards · with user guide

The parents’ guide

2 minutes to read

What are nomenclature cards?

It’s a Montessori classic: 3-part cards — the labelled card (image + word), the silent card (image only) and the word ticket (word only). The child builds their vocabulary, sharpens their observation and, later, learns to read by matching words to pictures — independently and at their own pace, as the material lets them self-correct.

Preparation (5 minutes)

1. Print the pack in colour (thick paper if possible).
2. Cut out the cards along the dotted lines — your child can help!
3. Laminate them if you can: they’ll last for years (optional).

The 3-step lesson (Montessori method)

Show 2 or 3 labelled cards at a time, then:

1 · Name

"It's the lion."
Show the card and say the name, simply.

2 · Show

"Show me the lion!"
The child points to the right card.
Play, mix them up.

3 · Find

“What is it?”
The child names it alone. If they hesitate, go back to step 2 — never let them feel they’ve failed.

When your child starts to read, add the silent cards and word tickets: they match each ticket to the right picture, then check by themselves with the labelled card. That’s self-correction.

Tip: on the tickets, each noun is written with its article (the) — an early grammar clue, without even noticing.



the lion



the elephant



the giraffe



the zebra

Cut along the dotted lines



the tortoise



the butterfly



the ladybird



the fish

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the owl



the rabbit



the fox



the hedgehog

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the giraffe	the zebra
the tortoise	the butterfly
the ladybird	the fish
the owl	the rabbit
the fox	the hedgehog

Cut out each ticket

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