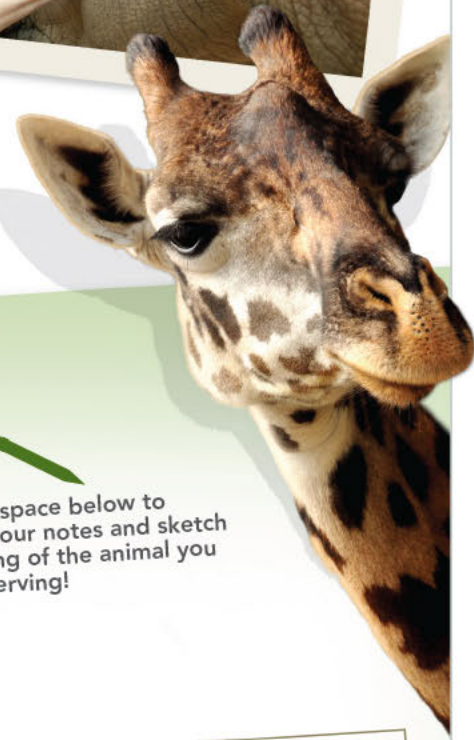


A KEEN EYE FOR OBSERVATION

When it comes to caring for the animals at Disney's Animal Kingdom Theme Park, animal keepers must always keep a constant watch over species big and small, ensuring they are safe, healthy and stimulated. One of the most important skills an animal keeper needs in order to be successful is a keen eye for observation. By keeping a watchful eye on each animal, keepers are able to learn an individual animal's behavior and provide them with the care, food or medicine they may need.



ACTIVITY

You can hone your animal observation skills by practicing in your own backyard or by visiting a local AZA*-accredited zoo or aquarium.

*Association of Zoos and Aquariums



Once you've chosen a location, find an animal and identify what it is:

- What do you know about that animal already? Is it a mammal, reptile or insect?
- If you are at a zoo or aquarium, is there anyone around to ask questions to learn more about their behavior?



Watch the chosen animal for a few minutes and take notes on their behaviors.

- What did you observe the animal doing? How does the animal move throughout its habitat?
- Does the animal have any unique physical characteristic to help you identify that individual?

Use the space below to fill out your notes and sketch a drawing of the animal you are observing!

MY OBSERVATION NOTES:

Lined area for writing observation notes.

Large blank area for sketching a drawing of the animal.



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