

Jackal Jubilee: A Habitat Adventure!

Materials We'll Need:

Let's gather our supplies for our Jackal adventure! You will need:

- Paper (white and colored construction paper)
- Drawing tools (crayons, markers, colored pencils)
- **For Activity 1 (Choose one option - Diorama or Drawing):**
 - *If making a Diorama:* Shoebox or small cardboard box, glue, scissors (please ask a grown-up for help!), natural materials (like small twigs, dry leaves, a bit of sand - if you can find them safely with a grown-up), craft supplies (like pipe cleaners, playdough, fabric scraps), a small toy animal to be your jackal, or you can make one from clay or paper!
 - *If making a Drawing:* Your drawing paper and tools are perfect!
- **For Activity 2 (Storytelling - puppets are optional):**
 - *If making puppets:* Paper bags or clean old socks, markers, yarn, glue to decorate.
- Access to some cool pictures or fun facts about jackals and their homes (a grown-up can help you find these in books or on safe kid-friendly websites).

What We'll Discover Today!

Today, we're going on an exciting adventure to learn all about the amazing jackal and where it calls home! Get ready to become a jackal expert and a creative habitat designer!

Meet the Jackal: A Clever Canine!

Jackals are wild animals that look a bit like a small dog or a fox. They are known for being very clever and good survivors! Let's find out some cool facts:

- **What do they look like?** Jackals usually have sandy, reddish, or greyish fur, a bushy tail (often with a black tip), long legs for running, and big ears to hear tiny sounds.
- **What's on the menu? (Diet)** Jackals are omnivores, which means they eat both meat and plants! They hunt small animals like rodents, birds, and reptiles. They also eat insects, berries, fruits, and sometimes leftovers from other animals' meals (they are great scavengers!).
- **How do they 'talk'? (Communication)** Jackals have a special way of communicating. They make yipping sounds, howls (especially at dusk or dawn), and sometimes barks.
- **Are they family animals?** Yes! Jackals often live and hunt in pairs (a male and a female) or in small family groups. They take good care of their young pups in a den. They are also known for being very cooperative.

Where Do Jackals Roam? Exploring Their Habitats!

A habitat is an animal's natural home – the place where it finds food, water, shelter, and space to live. Jackals are super adaptable, meaning they can live in lots of different kinds of places! You might find them in:

- **Grasslands and Savannas:** Wide open spaces with lots of grass and some scattered trees. Perfect for spotting prey!
- **Deserts and Semi-Deserts:** Hot, dry places. Jackals here are good at finding water and staying cool.
- **Woodlands and Scrublands:** Areas with more trees and bushes, offering good cover.
- **Mountains:** Some jackals even live in hilly or mountainous areas.

- **Near People:** Sometimes, adaptable jackals can live surprisingly close to farms or villages if they can find food, showing how resourceful they are.

What makes a good jackal home? It needs to have enough food (small animals, plants), a source of water, and safe places to rest and raise pups, like an underground den (they might dig their own or use an old one from another animal) or thick bushes.

Activity 1: Create a Jackal's World! (Habitat Diorama or Drawing)

Now it's your turn to be a habitat designer and show what a jackal's home looks like! You can choose **one** of these creative options:

1. **Build a Diorama:** Use your shoebox or small box as the stage. Collect your craft supplies and natural materials to build a mini 3D jackal habitat. Think about what your jackal needs: Is it grassy? Are there rocks? Is there a cozy den? Don't forget to add your jackal figure or make one to live in your scene!
2. **Draw a Habitat Scene:** Use your paper and drawing tools to create a vibrant picture of a jackal in its natural home. Show what the environment looks like – the plants, the ground, the sky – and what your jackal might be doing (hunting, resting, playing with its family?).

Think like a jackal! What kind of plants would be there? What would the ground look like (sandy, grassy, rocky)? Is it day or night? What other little creatures might be around (that the jackal might eat, or that are just part of the scenery)? How can you show your jackal is adapted to this place?

Activity 2: Jackal Tales! (A Day in the Life Story)

Imagine you are a jackal waking up in your habitat! What adventures will you have today? What will you see, hear, smell, and do? It's time to tell your jackal's story!

You can share your story in any way you like:

- **Write it down:** Create a short story about your jackal's day.
- **Tell it out loud:** Narrate your jackal's adventure to a grown-up or a friend.
- **Draw a comic strip:** Show your jackal's day in a series of pictures with captions or speech bubbles.
- **Puppet Show:** If you made puppets, use them to act out your jackal's day!

Remember to include details about your jackal's habitat in your story! Where does it find food? How does it use its cleverness? Where does it rest? Does it meet any other animals? How does it communicate?

Wrap-up: Our Amazing Jackal Discoveries!

Fantastic work, wildlife explorer! You've learned so much about jackals and their amazing homes, and you've created some wonderful things today!

Let's share our habitat creations and stories. As you share, think about:

- What was the most surprising or interesting thing you learned about jackals today?
- What part of your jackal's habitat did you enjoy creating the most, and why?
- What's one thing your story-jackal did that shows its cleverness or how it lives in its habitat?

You've done an awesome job using your creativity and what you've learned. Keep being curious about the amazing animals all around our world!