

Pollinator Game Instructions

This activity is designed to reinforce what the students have learned about COEVOLUTION between flowers and pollinators. This game takes a little bit of preparation and organizing, but kids love the opportunity do something different and be outside in the sunshine.

This is a fun activity that can be played with a large group or it can be adapted for just one student. It's best played outside so students have plenty of room for some silly creativity. The "Pollinator Game Cards" are available for you to download and print. Cut out the different cards, if you like, you can tape them onto index cards.

For a full class, divide the students in half. One half will role-play as pollinators and the other half will be flowers with different kinds of attributes. Hand out one card to each student in their respective groups. Be sure that all the kids will have a match!

Now the fun begins! Tell the pollinator-kids that they must act out the creature on their card. Hummingbirds should hum and fly; bees will buzz about; bats can flap their wings; you get the idea. Now mix up all the students and on ready-set-go, they must find their match! Students can compare cards to see if they have found their correct pollinators. Not only educational, the whole thing is really entertaining to watch!

If you are home-schooling with just one or two kids, they can still play the game. Tape all of the the flower cards up on a wall at the right height for kids to be able to read them. One at a time, hand each student a pollinator card and have them role-play the creature as they search for the matching flower card on the wall. Tape the pollinator next to the matching flower. Repeat the steps until all the flowers and pollinators have been matched.

FUN OPTION: If you have a garden with flowers, you can turn this game into a really fun scavenger hunt! Give each student a pollinator card and tell them that they must search for the matching real flower with the attributes listed on the card. After finding a match, they return for another pollinator card to try.