

Environment Warm-Up

Teaching Notes

- **Before class, prepare the Environment flashcards:** monkey, spider, snake, deer, bird, elephant, tiger, garbage, each of which also have a picture of the sun, a tree, flowers and sky on them.
- These flashcards are “pictures” from the make-believe “safari” that you just went on. (Note: There is also a blank flashcard enclosed, so you can make additional animal flashcards if you wish.)
- Dress up like you’ve just come back from a safari: a safari or outdoor hat, canteen, binoculars, bandana, etc. would be good. Put the flashcards into your backpack or travel bag.
- **To present** the new vocabulary, pretend you’ve just come back from a safari and you want to share your pictures/photographs with the class. As you tell your story, pull out the flashcards one by one.
- When you pull out a flashcard, (for example, the spider flashcard), say *Look at my picture. What do you see?*
- Let the students answer in English or in their native languages what they see.
- Then, say all of the items on the flashcard: *Look at the sun, the tree, the sky, the flower and the spider.* (Note: *Look at the/my _____* is the main language pattern. You can make the language easier or more difficult based on the level of your class.)
- After talking about the flashcard with the class, put it on the white board.
- After putting a few animal flashcards on the white board, pull out the “garbage” flashcard. Hold your nose and be dramatic about how stinky and ugly garbage is.
- Ask the students if they have ever seen garbage. Ask them what they do with their garbage.
- After a few more animal flashcards, pull out the “tiger” flashcard last. When you pull it out, act scared and hide under your desk, chair or behind a student’s desk. Have the students hide under their desks with you. Talk about how the tiger chased you and tried to eat you ... but it didn’t want to eat your garbage.
- When you’re finished showing the pictures of your safari, they should all be on the whiteboard. Leave them on the board as you begin the **Environment Worksheet**.