



A First Look At...

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8 15-minute programs for grades K-4

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This series gives students a fascinating first look at many wonderful animals and trees. Each program introduces students to basic terminology and interesting facts about the animals which include physical characteristics, eating patterns, and ways in which they care for their young.

101. A First Look at Mammals—Mammals may live on land, in water, or fly through the air, but they have some similar characteristics. This program explores the common traits that set mammals apart from other animals: their warm body temperature, body hair, and the nursing of and caring for their young.
1.5, 3.4

102. A First Look At Birds—This program introduces viewers to the fascinating world of birds and the special feature that makes them unique creatures. The migration, breeding, communication and feeding patterns of various species give viewers a rare look at birds as they live in their natural habitats.
1.5, 3.4

103. A First Look at Horses—This program offers a concise overview of the horse: its remarkable qualities, and how it lives. Scenes of horses galloping, playing, and nurturing their young are delightful. Once hunted for food, horses changed the world forever when people learned how to tame and ride them. Horses are highly prized for their excellent vision, hearing, sense of smell, and their remarkable sense of direction.
1.5, 3.4

104. A First Look at Farm Animals—This lighthearted introduction to farm animals features goats, sheep, pigs, cows, horses, chickens, cats and dogs. It describes the housing and dietary requirements of each animal and explains the purpose each animal serves on the farm.
1.5, 3.4

105. A First Look at Rhinos and Elephants—Enjoy an inside look at the “tanks” of Africa, the elephant and the rhino. Elephants are the largest land dwelling animals on earth. They are easily recognized by their ears, trunks, and ivory tusks. Rhinos, who always give way to elephants, are known by their piglike ears, short tails, powerful legs, and their single horn. The various ways they communicate, care for their young, and defend themselves are also explained.
1.5, 3.4

106. A First Look at Zebras, Wildebeests and Impalas—Discover why zebras, wildebeests, and impalas are the “plains game” of Africa—animals that fall prey to predators. Although they have a strong herd instinct, these animals are unable to defend themselves adequately

against predators like the leopard and lion. Their individual physical characteristics, eating patterns, survival instincts and the ways in which they care for their young are also examined.
1.5, 3.4

107. A First Look at Hyenas, Jackals and Lions—Visit three common African carnivores as they hunt for food, protect their young, and play together: jackals, accomplished scavengers and cunning hunters; lion, the king of the jungle; and hyena, who have the most powerful jaws of all predators. While discussing hunting patterns, the program explains that both jackals and hyenas will discreetly follow lions in the hope of finding food.
1.5, 3.4

108. A First Look at Trees—Trees play an important part in the creation of paper, homes, food, and oxygen. This program introduces a wide variety of trees and many creatures that live in them. It explores the many functions and features of trees, describes the many benefits trees provide, and conveys why trees are such an important part of our lives.
K.6, 1.4, 2.4

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