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Tropical Discovery



- 1 Look at the sculpture of the kids in the pond outside Tropical Discovery. What have they found? Can you sound and move like that animal?
- 2 Go for a pattern hunt. Name all the shapes you see in the patterns on the animals' bodies.
- 3 Have a staring contest with a snake. Who won? Did it stick its tongue out at you? Stick yours out and hiss right back!
- 4 Explore the rainforest! Do you hear the waterfall? Find a misty spot and stand under it. What does it feel like? Smell like?
- 5 Watch the howler monkeys and observe what they are doing. Do you do those things? Howl like you think a howler monkey would.
- 6 Watch the funny-looking mudskippers, sitting above the water. Can you blink your eyes one at a time, too? Once you're outside, do your best skip!
- 7 At the entrance to the Tropical Reef exhibit, listen to the sounds. When you hear the sound of bubbles, make a silly fish face.
- 8 Find the seahorses and watch them sway. How many more fish can you find that are named after other animals? [ie. rabbitfish]
- 9 Do komodo dragons breathe fire? Pick one and tell it a story about a fire breathing dragon you know.
- 10 Find the tarantula in its burrow. Now sing "The Itsy Bitsy Spider" to it. Is it itsy bitsy?

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