



Verb Viewing

- Verb Viewing is a verb collecting activity. Students carefully observe a farm animal and record its actions (verbs) on paper.
- Before embarking upon your verb viewing adventure on the Farm, students need a definition of a verb.
- **VERB**: a word that usually shows an ACTION.
- Explain that when zoologists want to learn about an animal, they observe that animal in its habitat and record its actions on paper.
- You may want to practice observing and recording BEFORE going to the Farm. Select a student to observe. You may want the student to do his/her normal activities or to pretend to be an animal while everyone in the class records the verbs or action words they observe.
- At the Farm, have each zoologist (student) choose an animal to “view” or observe. Students need to sit in front of their animal’s habitat (pen, cage, pond, pasture) AND record their animals actions on the Verb Viewing Record page.

For example:

Animal observed _____ goat _____	
swallowed	jumped
butted	rubs
walks	staring

- Come back to class with the Verb Viewing Record pages. You may want to compile these verb lists into a class chart OR you may want students to make verb books with a verb on each page. Be sure to illustrate the chart and books.
- Verb charts and books can be the starting point for further vocabulary expansion--synonyms, grammar lessons, etc.
- You may also want to use the Verb Viewing Record pages or charts to make a poem like “Jump or Jiggle” by Evelyn Byer or “On Our Way” by Eve Merriam. Remember your poems do not have to rhyme.
- Don’t forget to create a farm dance from your collection of verbs with each zoologist contributing an action s/he observed!