

What Kind of Animal?

Task: Introductory exercise for the beginning of a course

Objective: To provide an informal way for participants to learn about each other and begin working together

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Method: Asynchronous

Instructions

1. Choose an animal that best represents you. Put your name and the name of the animal in the subject line of the discussion post and list four characteristics of the animal you have chosen.
2. Find someone else who chose an animal that shares two of the characteristics of your animal. Contact them and together create a new animal that has your two shared characteristics and two new characteristics. Name the animal.
3. Post the name of your new animal, as well as both of your names in the subject line of the discussion entry and then list the four characteristics of this animal.

Source: Engaging the Online Learner, Rita-Marie Conrad, J. Ana Donaldson, 2004