

Predator or Prey Sorting

A **Predator** is an animal that hunts other animals. **Prey** is an animal that is hunted. Some animals are **both predators and prey**.

Many predators stay quiet so they can sneak up on the animals they are hunting. Some predators, like bats, use sounds to help them hunt prey.

Some prey animals make noise to scare off a predator or to warn other animals of danger. Others hide and stay quiet, hoping the predator won't notice them.

Sort the animals (below in **bold**) into predator, prey, or both. Answers are below.



1. A **python** slithers toward his next meal without making a sound. He wraps around a young monkey and squeezes tight before beginning to eat.

2. A **lioness** creeps silently through the long grass. She sneaks up on a gazelle and pounces.



3. A **yellow-winged bat** squeaks in the quiet night air. The echo tells her a tasty mosquito is nearby.

4. A **zebra** sees a leopard lurking in the grass. He brays and stomps his feet to warn the rest of his herd.

5. A **spiny mouse** squeals in fear when the hungry owl swoops down to grab her.

6. A **milky eagle owl**'s soft feathers don't make a sound as she moves her wings. She sees a mongoose and dives to snatch it off the ground.



7. An **elephant** trumpets when she sees a pack of hyenas. The herd makes a tight group so the adults can protect the young elephants in the middle.

8. A troop of **baboons** are hunting gazelle when one sees a lioness on the prowl. The baboon gives a loud alarm. The rest of the troop hears the warning and they scurry up a tree to safety.

9. A **wildebeest** does not see the lion, but she hears a baboon call that one is nearby. She stomps her feet and starts to run. The rest of the herd follows her away from the hunting lion.

