

Adders are Amazing! Gwiberod Gwych!

8. ADDER HUNT QUIZ!

INTRODUCTION

If you are working in a location where you are unlikely to spot any reptiles on site with the group, for example if you are restricted to the school grounds or can't go out into the countryside for other reasons, this game can be a useful introduction to where adders live, and teaches the children where they could look for adders when they are out in their own time. Secretly, hide the cardboard adders before you meet with the group in places where you would expect them to be (at the edge of bushes, bracken and around log piles, for example). Write true/false adder-related questions on the back for added educational value and fun!

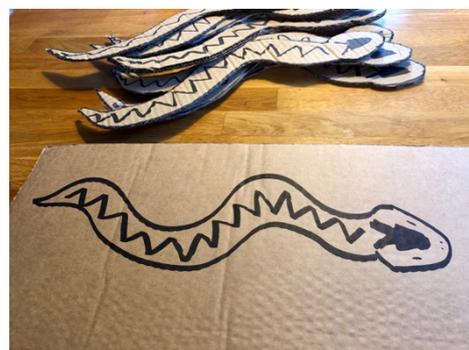
MATERIALS:

- Old cardboard boxes (available from most shops/supermarkets for free) or card
- Scissors
- Marker pens
- List of fun adder facts – made into true/false questions

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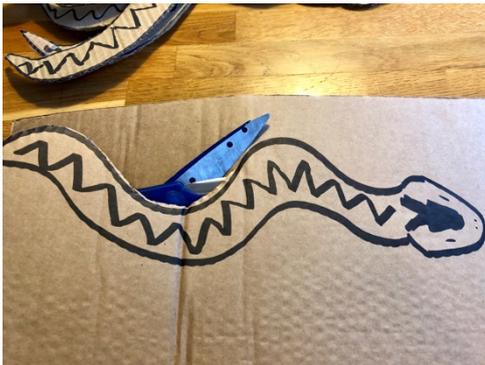
1 Before the meeting, make a rough drawing of an outline of a snake on a flat piece of cardboard.

2 Add on a zig zag pattern, head colouring and V-shape at the back of the head.

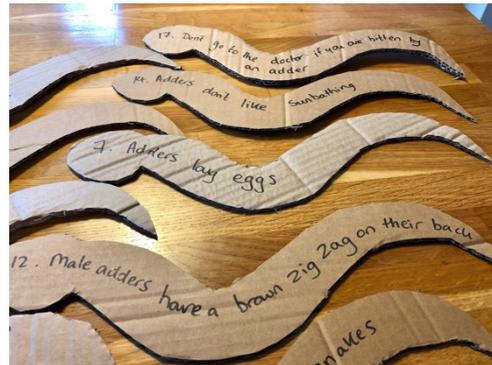


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- 3** Cut the adders out! You need around 20 to make it a good game with lots of adder facts and to give a chance for lots of the children to find the snakes.



- 4** Write a series of true/false questions on the back of the adders, such as “Adders lay eggs”, “Adders love sunbathing”, “Grass snakes are smaller than adders” – leave some room for debate and discussion!



- 5** Hide the adders around the site – ideally, with no public access as they could disturb the ‘adders’ before you arrive!



- 6** Take the group out to walk the site, and talk to the children about adder and reptile habitats. Then ask them to look for the adders. When they find them, get them to answer the questions on the back as a group. Encourage them to discuss the questions and vote on whether it is true or false - have some fun!

