

A Tower of Giraffes

ANIMALS IN GROUPS

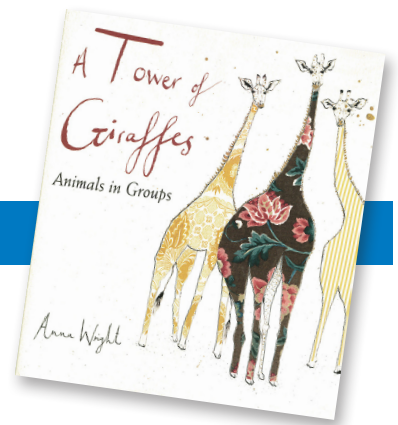
A RIF GUIDE FOR PARENTS AND FAMILIES

Themes: Animal Facts, Family Systems, Social Order, Parts of Speech

Book Brief: This book offers a fun introduction to collective nouns through groups of animals. While

reading, you'll learn interesting facts about each animal group.

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TIME TO READ!

Before reading, build background: Why do you think a group of giraffes is called a tower? What other animal groups are you

familiar with? Do you think all animals live in groups? Can you think of any examples?

While reading, make connections: Think about a time when you've seen one or more of the groups of animals in this book. Did you notice any of the behaviors

the author mentioned? Where were the animals?

After reading, ask questions:

- ◆ What are some characteristics animals and humans share?
- ◆ Which animal group collective noun do you feel fit the animals best? Why?
- ◆ Which animal groups usually have female leaders?
- ◆ If you could come up with a new name for any group of animals, what would it be? Explain.

RELATED ACTIVITIES

A PARLIAMENT OF OWLS

Ingredients: large round crackers, cheese slices, banana, grapes, apple

Place crackers on a plate. Cut cheese into small circles; place one circle on top of each cracker. Use two banana slices and two grape halves for eyes—place at top of each cracker. Cut a small triangle of cheese to be the beak. Create wings for each owl using apple slices. What a hoot!

A PRICKLE OF HEDGEHOGS

Materials: plastic fork, paint, marker, paper

Use marker to draw a hedgehog head on the paper. Dip the tines of the fork into paint. Press the fork onto

the paper to create the hedgehog's quills. Continue until you have created your hedgehog's body. Repeat the process to create a "prickle" of hedgehogs.

A SCURRY OF SQUIRRELS

Find a place outside or near a window to observe a scurry of squirrels. Do you see more than one squirrel? What types of activities do you see the squirrels doing? How does the name of their group ("scurry") fit their behavior? What dangers might the squirrels have to warn each other about?

TECHNOLOGY LINK

Check out a very large flamboyance of flamingos at www.youtube.com/watch?v=7qfoFcBLsCI.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

OTHER BOOKS ABOUT ANIMALS

Crash of Rhinos, Greg Danylyshyn (2016), *An Ambush of Tigers: A Wild Gathering of Collective Nouns*, Betsy R. Rosenthal (2015), *National Geographic Little Kids First Big Book of Animals*, Catherine D. Hughes (2010).



Reading Is Fundamental