

Science

Body Systems Comparison

Activity: Explore the circulatory, respiratory, or digestive systems of humans and animals. Create posters comparing how they work in different species, or draw comparison systems.

Curriculum Link: Functions of the human body and life processes in animals.

Behaviour Studies

Activity: Watch videos of animals exhibiting behaviours like play, teamwork, or problem-solving. Compare these behaviours to human actions and emotions. There are examples in 'Humanimal' Book by Christopher Lloyd.

LO: Reinforces concepts of adaptation and interaction with environments.

Ageing

Activity: Compare the ageing of yourself and another species – as a written piece or illustration, infograph for younger pupils.

Curriculum link: Describe the changes as humans develop to old age.

Cell Types

Activity: Describe one cell type that humans and animals share.

LO: Recognise that humans and animals share types of cells and roles.

English

Animal-Human Diary Swap

Activity: Write a diary entry as a chosen animal and as a human, reflecting on the same day. Highlight shared emotions like fear, joy, or curiosity.

LO: Develops empathy, creative writing, and perspective-taking skills.

Persuasive Writing

Activity: Write a letter advocating for animal welfare, emphasizing emotional and physical similarities to humans.

LO: Builds persuasive language skills and introduces ethical discussions.

Debate

Activity: Create a debate advocating for animal welfare or One Medicine, emphasizing emotional and physical similarities to humans.

LO: Create a debate and argue your point clearly.



Art and Design

Emotion Portraits

Activity: Create side-by-side portraits of a human and an animal expressing the same emotion, such as happiness or sadness.

LO: Encourages emotional understanding and visual representation skills.

Shared Worlds Diorama

Activity: Build a 3D diorama showing how humans and animals share environments and resources, focusing on coexistence and mutual impact.

LO: Links art, geography, and environmental science.

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Empathy Exercises

Activity: Role-play scenarios where students 'become' animals, considering their needs and feelings in different situations. Create a poster illustrating these needs.

LO: Promotes empathy, teamwork, and discussion about ethics.

Reciprocal Relationships

Activity: Discuss real-life examples of humans and animals helping each other. Create a poster highlighting one example.

LO: Introduces responsibility and ethical connections.

Cross-Curricular Projects

Mapping Traits

Activity: Use Venn diagrams to map shared traits between humans and animals (eg. parenting behaviours, communication styles).

LO: Integrates science and reasoning skills.