



## Abdo Zoom Activity: What Does It Mean?

Grade 2

**Objective:** To help students determine the meaning of words in text.

**What's Needed:** Access to Abdo Zoom, access to additional resources, paper, and pencils.

**Before Class:** Select one or two Abdo Zoom articles for the class to read.

**Activity:** Have the class read through the article or articles assigned. Have each student pick two words he or she doesn't know, or didn't know until he or she read the definition. Each student will research his or her two words to answer the following questions:

-Look up the word in the dictionary. Does the word mean anything else besides its meaning in the text? For example, "pride" in the lions article means a group of lions, but it can also mean the feeling of importance or being better than others.

-Can this word apply to any other animals? For example, what other animals live on savannas?

As needed, suggest questions students should be asking that will help them answer these questions. Each student should write 1-3 sentences per question.

**Evaluation:** Students receive one point per answered question for a total of four points – one point for each definition correctly assessed, and one point for each word's application to other animals.

**Standards:** This lesson may be used to address the Common Core State Standards' reading standards for informational texts, grade 2 (RI 2.4).