

I Eat Leaves

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Learning scientific names for many different leaves and the animals that love to eat them is made simple in this non-fiction early reader.



Read

Before:

Introduce the book and tell the children a little bit about it. Follow that with a comment or question that is related to the story such as, *What is your favorite thing to eat?* Encourage a discussion so the children can comment, ask questions, and express their feelings. Set the stage for listening by asking an "I wonder" statement based on the cover illustration.

- I wonder if the Koala bear and Panda bear eat the same leaves?

During:

Encourage the children to comment on the illustrations, ask questions, and predict what will happen next in the story. The illustrations in this book are very detailed so allow plenty of time for the children to look.

After you read:

- What kinds of animals eat leaves?
- What type of leaves do Koalas eat? Pandas?
- Milkweed is the favorite leaf of what insect?
- Clover is eaten by which animal?
- Where do you find a giraffe's favorite leaf?
- Do people eat leaves? What kind of leaves do people eat?

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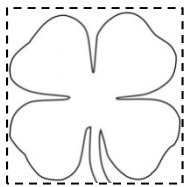
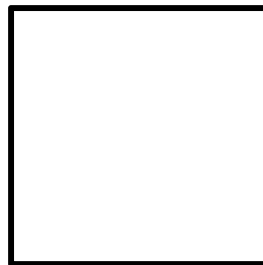
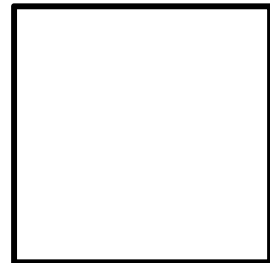
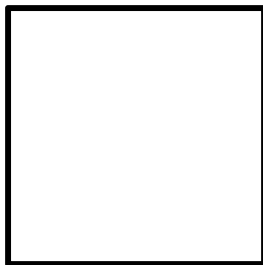
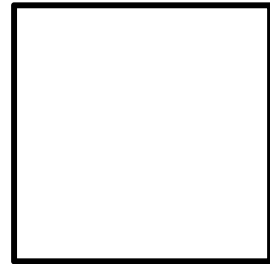
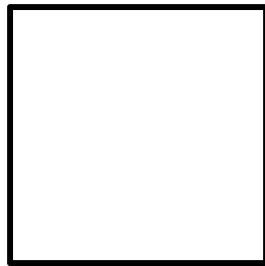
Leaf Match

You will need: scissors, glue and the *Leaf Match* sheet

After reading the story, go through each page and name the leaves found in the book and discuss the animals that like to eat them. Hand each child the *Leaf Match* sheet. Give the children enough time to color each picture, cut out the leaves and glue them next to the correct animal.

My Name: _____

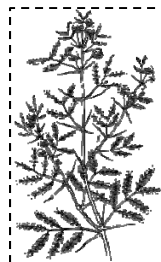
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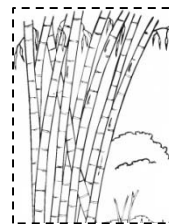
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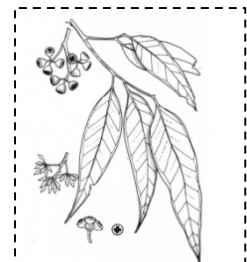
Milkweed



Acacia



Bamboo



Eucalyptus

