

Interactive activity

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Activity. Solutions for the giant anteater

Objective: To work on the problem of collisions between humans and animals in a lighthearted way by making scenarios of possible solutions.

Estimated time: 2 classes.



**Dimensional education focus:
Participation, knowledge and values.**

Required materials:

- Cardboard sheets or construction paper. Preferably the use of recycled materials. You can use the other side of the sheet from previous activities.**
- Stationery materials (e.g., colored pencils; markers; white glue; cardboard)**



Activity suggestion: One of the biggest threats to native animals, including the giant anteater, is death due to vehicle collisions on Brazilian highways. Have you ever imagined what an email would look like if animals could write it to demand urgent solutions? This is exactly how we propose to start this activity. Read the email with the entire group and watch the video about the project. After discussing the problem, our suggestion is to work in small groups and create a scenario presenting solutions to the problem raised in the anteater's email. The final product should include the anteater, the highway, and the solution to the problem.

Dear human beings,

I'm not much of a fighter, but things are getting very serious here. I am writing on behalf of many other animals because we need you to solve a problem!

We are losing a lot of lives on the highways. A lot of lives! Both animals and people are dying because of wildlife-vehicle collisions.

Each species tried to find a solution on its own. Some animals look for water in culvert pipe underpasses, others run as fast as they can to cross the highway, and many, like me, only cross at night when there are fewer cars. But nothing has worked very well!

For this reason, we decided to write this letter demanding immediate solutions. After all, you boast about being the thinkers and “rational”, the “Homo sapiens sapiens”! Well humans, time to live up to your fame and help everybody.

We want to know, what can you do to make the highways safe for all of us, and humans too!

Looking forward in hearing your answers.

Sincerely

The giant anteater





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