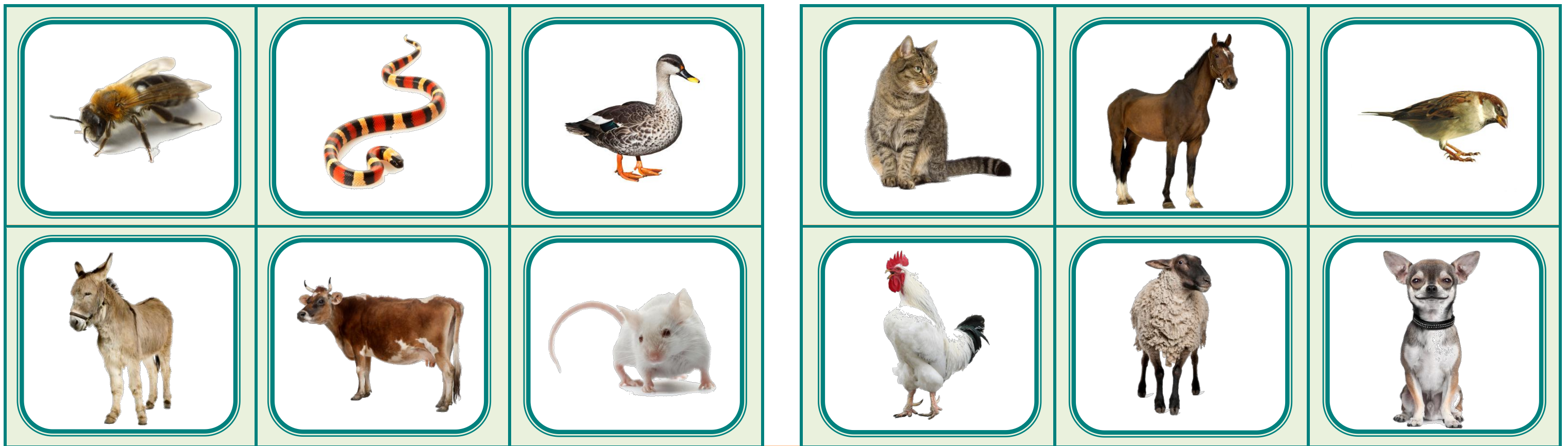


Animal Magic



What is this game for?

When children find it hard to make speech sounds they can feel very self conscious.

They may have difficulties because their tongue and lips just won't go where they want them to, or are not well coordinated. This often occurs when children have "dyspraxia".

By using animals we are taking the pressure off and helping children to practice making sounds in a fun way.

It is also helpful as an attention and listening activity.

What to do

Cut out the pictures along the bold lines, to make two lotto boards, and a set of twelve individual picture cards.

Each player has a lotto board, and the individual pictures are placed in a pile, face downwards, in the middle.

Players take it in turns to take a card and make the animal sound. They must not say the animal name, just make the sound.

The other player(s) listen carefully and if they have that animal on their board they can claim the picture.

First player to collect all 6 pictures on their card is the winner!

Other Ideas

If you have three players, one can be the "caller" while the other two children have a board each.

Can the children mimic the sounds of "big" and "little" animals – what sound would a BIG dog make? How would a little dog bark?