



Remind your students that animals work cooperatively, too. Many live in groups and share duties. Call on students to think of names given to different groups of animals. You may want to suggest some of the following: FLOCK, HERD, FAMILY, PRIDE (lions), PACK (rats), SCHOOL (fish), COVEY (birds), SWARM (bees), TROOP (monkeys), GAGGLE (geese), POD (whales).



Create a bulletin board where students can match the family names to the animals. Suggest students, working with a partner, choose one animal group to research and report on ways members of the group work cooperatively. For example, when MEERKATS (African mongooses) go off to forage for food, they leave a different adult behind to care for the young each day.



Female lions are the hunters, while the male's job is to defend the pride. When students have completed their research, have them share their findings with the rest of the class.

