

PIRANHAS DON'T EAT BANANAS



Story Activities

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ABOUT THIS PRODUCT

Piranhas don't eat Bananas Story Activities Book Companion

Are you teaching food or parts of the body to your ESL students? Do you need a great story to read to your primary students? In this resource, you'll find lots of ready-to-go activities for learners to work on literacy as well as activities that promote critical thinking skills and creativity.

Who is this for?

Kindergarten students, ESL learners with an elementary level of English.

Contents

- Warm up activities
- While Reading activities
- After Reading activities
- What do animals eat?
- Craft Idea

Vocabulary list

Food: bananas, silver beet, peas, plums, melons

Body: feet, knees, bums

WARM UP ACTIVITIES

These are some activities you can do with your students to introduce the story. Choose the one that is most suitable for your learners.

Warm up Discussion: Do you know what a piranha is? What do you know about them? Are they friendly? What would you like to know about piranhas?

Interesting Facts about Piranhas:

- They live in rivers in South America.
- They live in groups called a shoal.
- They have sharp teeth.
- They eat fish, plants and seeds.
- Piranhas' jaws are so strong that they can crush a human hand!
- They can sense when there is blood in the water.

[Click here to watch the video](#)

Pictionary: Play Pictionary with the following food and body parts: bananas, silver beet, peas, plums, melons, knees, feet.

WHILE READING ACTIVITIES

Vocabulary

As you read, explain difficult words as they come up.

Interaction with students

Stop briefly to ask questions about some of the illustrations. What do you see in this picture? Can you describe piranha? What color is it? Is it friendly? Is it angry? Why?

What happens next?

Ask students to guess what will happen in the story. What will (the character) do next?

Critical Thinking Questions

- Do you think Brian can convince his family to eat veggies? Why? Why not?
- What are some foods that you have never eaten? Why haven't you tried them?
- Do you think you should try some new foods? Why? Why not?
- What is your favourite fruit? Why?

AFTER READING ACTIVITIES

Sort the pictures out!

Provide a series of pictures of different animals, and see if children can sort them into those which eat meat, those which mainly eat plants and those which eat both (See page 8)

Game Time! Rhyming Words

Draw attention to the rhymes in the story, like banana/piranha, silverbeet/feet, plums/bums. Show the names of some other foods and body parts. Can children read the words and find the matching rhyme?

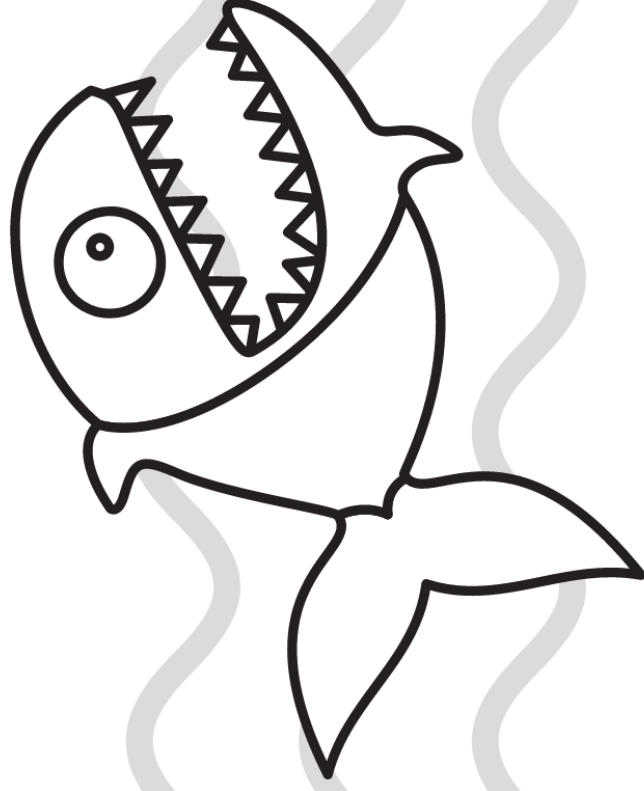
[Click here to get access to the game!](#)

Story Book

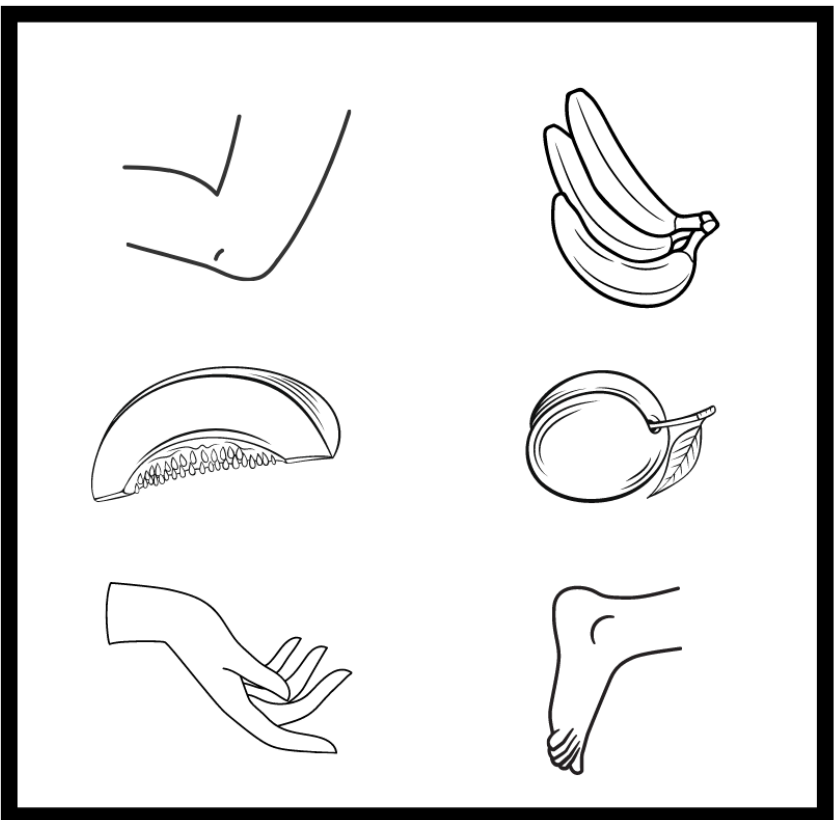
On the following pages you have a story book to print for students to complete after reading this story.

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BANANAS BY AARON**

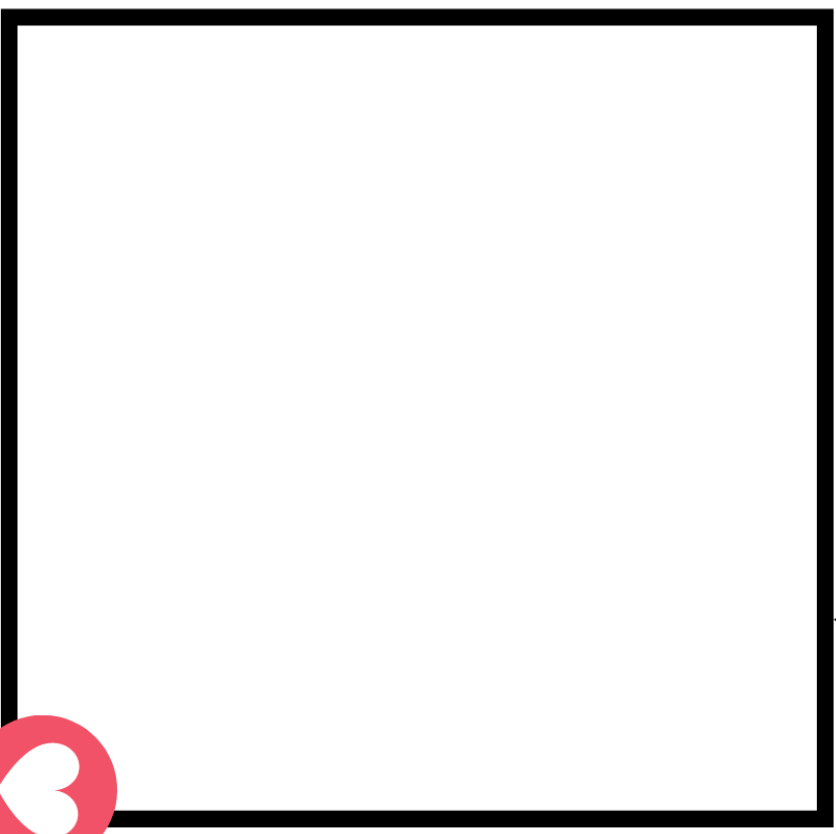
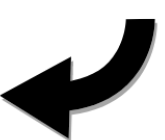
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**WHAT DO PIRANHAS EAT?
CIRCLE THE CORRECT
PICTURES**



**MY FAVORITE PART OF THE
STORY**



What do they eat?

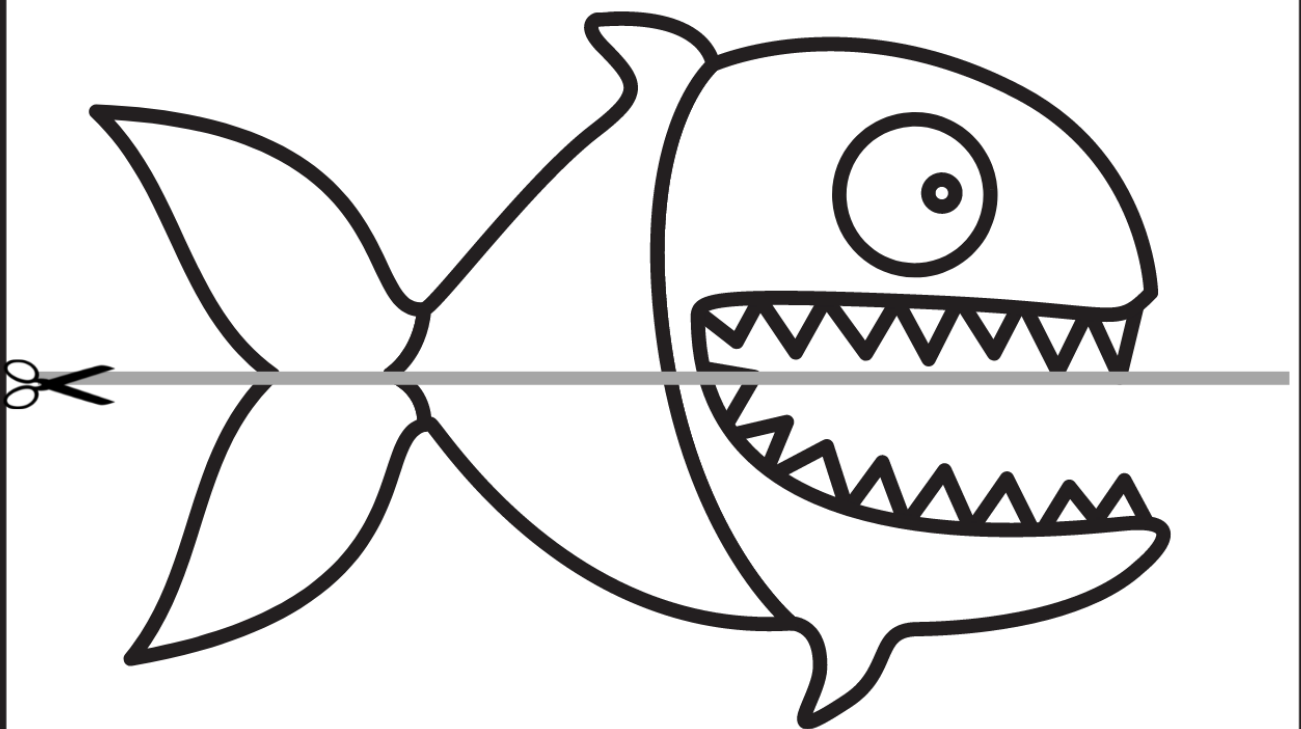


MEAT	PLANTS	BOTH

CRAFT

1. Print off the piranha template provided.
2. Ask children to color their piranha with paints or crayons.
3. Cut the piranha in two pieces as it is shown in the picture.
4. Glue the pieces to each side of a peg and allow to dry.
5. Your piranha is ready for dinner!!!

Have fun!



CRAFT SAMPLE





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