## Friends and Family Match

Draw a line to match each kind of animal with its group of family and friends.

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## Zoo Trek

### Friends & Family

**Grades 2-5**

### Prairie Dog

In a prairie dog town, family groups live in neighborhoods of underground burrows. These family groups are called coteries. Members of a coterie share their burrows. Prairie dogs are very social, but a male will chase off neighbors that get too close to his territory!

### Let's Talk!

What kinds of things do you think a prairie dog might be trying to protect in his coterie’s territory?

### Who’s in Charge?

There is no “mayor” in a prairie dog town. But within a coterie, everyone takes turns being the lookout for danger.
African Penguin

A penguin colony is more like a large neighborhood than a family. Sometimes a pair of penguins may squabble with their neighbors over space on the beach. Ultimately, though, it is good to have everyone around.

Let's Talk!
How do you think it can be helpful for penguins to have lots of neighbors?

Who's in Charge?
No one! There is no “head penguin.”

Bobcat

Some animals, like bobcats, don’t live in groups at all—they are solitary. Solitary means they prefer to live alone. That’s why we have only one bobcat in the yard at a time.

Let's Talk!
Humans are definitely not a solitary species! But some people prefer more alone time than others. Are you more like a bobcat or like a chimp?

It can be stressful for members of a solitary species to live with another animal.
At the Zoo we want to make sure animals live in the right kinds of groups.
**CHIMPANZEE**

Chimpanzees live in groups called troops. A troop isn’t just one family. The troop has multiple adults plus all the young chimps. Every member of the troop has a rank, from top to bottom, and they all know their place. The high-ranking troop members generally get first choice of food, special treats, and places to nap.

**LET’S TALK!**
The highest ranking female chimp is typically the oldest. The highest-ranking male chimp is typically the strongest. Which system of ranking would you prefer?

**WHO’S IN CHARGE?**
The leader of the troop is the alpha male.

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**AFRICAN ELEPHANT**

In an elephant herd, girls rule! The herd is a group of female relatives—sisters, aunts, cousins—and their young. When young males grow up, they leave the herd.

**LET’S TALK!**
How do you think living in the herd helps the females?

**WHO’S IN CHARGE?**
The leader of the herd is called the matriarch. She is commonly—but not always—the oldest elephant in the herd.