

Welcome to the *Britannica Learning Zone*.

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The *Britannica Learning Zone* offers an engaging online tool for early-childhood learning, covering letters, words, numbers, time, sound, geography, and more. This activity-centered learning environment—created for Pre-Kindergarten through 2nd grade—supports classroom curriculum and helps students build technology skills.

The image shows the 'Home Page' of the Britannica Learning Zone. At the top, an orange box says 'Home Page'. Below it is a large green field with trees in the background. In the center of the field, yellow text reads: 'Hi. My name is Newton. Welcome to the Britannica Learning Zone! We're going to have lots of fun! Just move your mouse over something, and I will tell you how it works.' Below the field is a blue navigation bar. On the left, there's a dog icon and a box titled 'Activity-Based Learning' with the text 'Select an activity: Explore, Play, Read, or Draw.' Next to it are five circular icons labeled 'Explore', 'Play', 'Read', and 'Draw'. To the right of these is the 'Britannica Learning Zone' logo and '© 2007 Encyclopaedia Britannica, Inc. | Help'. Further right is a box titled 'Teacher Tools' with text about incorporating the site into lessons. Below the navigation bar is a row of subject-based learning icons: 'WINDS', 'NUMBERS SUBTRACT', 'TIME', 'WORDS', 'NUMBERS ADD', 'COLORS', 'NUMBERS COUNT', 'NUMBERS', and 'SHA'. A box titled 'Subject-Based Learning' points to the 'SHA' icon with the text 'Click an item to choose a subject to explore'. A 'Help' box points to the 'Help' link in the navigation bar with the text 'Look here for quick instructions on each section of the Learning Zone.'

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Explore

The 'Explore' section features a world map with a central video inset of an elephant. The map includes labels for 'ANTARCTICA', 'AUSTRALIA', and 'JAPAN'. Below the map are four circular icons labeled 'Explore', 'Play', 'Read', and 'Draw'. At the bottom is a horizontal scroll bar with ten small image thumbnails. The 'Britannica Learning Zone' logo and copyright information are also present.

Tour the World
Click on a flag to watch a video about the people and animals around the world. Perfect for building geography and social studies skills.

Play

The 'Play' section features an illustration of a baboon band playing instruments. A text box contains the following text:

The baboon band is playing tonight at the monkeys' party.

Now count the number of musical instruments that you see. How many instruments are there?

- > three
- > two
- > four
- > five

Below the illustration are four circular icons labeled 'Explore', 'Play', 'Read', and 'Draw'. At the bottom is a horizontal scroll bar with ten small image thumbnails, including 'LUMBERS', 'SHAPES', 'SOUNDS', 'ANIMALS', 'MORNING', 'NUMBERS', 'TIME', 'WORDS', and 'NUMBERS'. The 'Britannica Learning Zone' logo and copyright information are also present.

Interactive Learning
Play games and take quizzes to learn colors, numbers, shapes, sound, and time. Click a title at the bottom and then follow along. Ideal for expanding reading, writing, and math skills.

Read

author

noun

When you take a book out of the library, do you ever look to see who the **author** is? The **author** is the person who wrote the book.

If you know the **author**, you can look for other books written by the same person.

Beatrix Potter is my favorite author.



Explore



Play



Read



Draw

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Ee Ff Gg Hh Ii Jj Kk Ll Mm

Build Vocabulary Skills

Learn new words—from arctic to zoom—and practice reading and spelling at the same time. Click your favorite letter to start, and then click the arrows to see more words. Perfect for improving vocabulary and reading skills.

Draw

Be Creative

Unlock students' creativity with an online art and drawing program. Choose a picture to copy or create your own. Helps build communication and technology skills.



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Teacher Tools

Teacher Guides
Get instructions and ideas on how to incorporate Learning Zone content into your lesson plans.

Lesson Plans

Students
Create a personal account to track progress for your own classes or students.

Learning Zone Teacher's Guide: Science Lesson

Subject	Science
Science Objectives:	Students will identify similarities and differences in the appearance and behavior of plants and animals.
Related Objectives:	Media and Literacy: Students will use a variety of sources to gather information. Students will relate new information to prior knowledge and experience. Students will use a variety of strategies to predict the content and meaning of visual media. Students will gain computer-related skills using technology in the classroom.
Overview	In this lesson, students try to find similarities and differences in the appearance and behavior of plants and animals.
Teacher Tools Instructions and Content	Use the Teacher Tools to select content for this lesson. To access the Teacher Tools, click on "Teacher Tools" on the Welcome page.

Type in your user name and password on the Login page and then click the Login button. On the first screen that comes up select the Activities tab on the upper right side.

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BRIAN
JAMES
SARAH

Your Customized Learning Zone
Link to your customized version of the Learning Zone, including students' names and materials selected especially for them.

Reports
View reports showing the activities that students completed each day.

Activities
Customize the Learning Zone activities for your class. Choose the specific topics—such as Colors, Numbers, or Words—that your class will study.

Your Selected Programs
Select and save your videos, lessons, and other options to build personalized programs for your classroom.