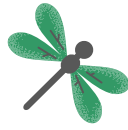


Predator vs Prey

Eat your prey and avoid being eaten by others.
Learn who is at the top of the food chain!



Background: In all ecosystems, it's natural that predators (the eaters) and prey (the eaten) co-exist. There are also some species like dragonflies that are both the 'eater' (small bugs) and the 'eaten' (birds).

Materials: Rope (optional), minimum 2 players (ideally 4+) and 1 parent/supervisor to referee.

Instructions:

- Head outside and create boundaries in an open area.
- At either end of the outdoor area, set two lines to mark the safe zones (use sticks, rope, or make imaginary lines).
- Split into two teams and line up in the middle facing the other team, backs to their own safe zone.
- Parents/Supervisor – choose two animals and quietly tell each team what animal they are. When the teams are ready the referee will loudly declare the animals! For example, “coyote and squirrel!”.
- The coyotes must then chase the squirrels as they flee back towards their safe zone.
- Any squirrels tagged by the coyotes will join team coyote for the next round.
- Players will have fun figuring out who preys on who each round before the chase begins.
- Use different animal combinations to increase difficulty. Be strategic and choose an animal at the top of the food chain vs. humans and see how participants respond.

