



Who Helps Animals?

Animals and the places they live need many kinds of helpers. Read each clue and write the career from the word bank.

Word Bank:

Dog Groomer

Horse Trainer

Aquarium Facility Technician

Coral Biologist

Bat Conservationist

Veterinary Pathologist

1



Washes, trims and styles dogs.

2



Teaches horses to be calm, safe and ready to ride.

3



Keeps tanks, filters and water healthy for fish.

4



Studies reefs and the animals that live in them.

5



Protects bats and the places they live.

6



Studies animal tissue to find out why an animal got sick.

1

Which of these helpers would you like to be for a day? What would you do first?

2

Look up one helper's Career Profile. Write one thing they need to learn.

Grown-Up Page

Who helps animals?

Time

25 to 30 minutes

Grades

3 to 5

What Children Will Do

Students read six clues about animal careers and write the career from the word bank, then reflect on which helper they would like to be and research one in Pathful.

Before You Start

- Print one page per student. The educator page is for you only.
- Read the word bank aloud so students can hear each title. Explain that coral are tiny sea animals that build reefs.

How to Run It

1. (3 to 4 min) Read the word bank aloud. Explain that each career is used once.
2. (8 to 12 min) Students read each clue and write the career on the line.
3. (5 to 7 min) Partner check. Students explain any answer that differs.
4. (8 to 12 min) Questions 1 and 2: students write about the helper they would like to be and one thing a helper needs to learn, using a [Career Profile](#) in Pathful.

Answer Key

1 Dog Groomer. 2 Horse Trainer. 3 Aquarium Facility Technician. 4 Coral Biologist. 5 Bat Conservationist. 6 Veterinary Pathologist. Accept reasonable alternatives when a student can explain the choice.

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Talk Together

- Which of these helpers works with animals you see every day? Which work far away from people?
- Which job needs the most science?

Go Further

- Short on time? Do the clues in class and assign the two questions as homework.
- Students compare two Career Profiles and note how much training each takes.