

The Baby Wildebeest & the Baby Sea Lion
Animal Babies: Born Wild Series

Subject Areas: Science, Life Science, Language Arts, Social Studies

Synopsis:

Follows wildebeest Tom's first day out of his mother's womb. As a mark of survival, before he is allowed to nurse, Tom must prove he can run. In the second part, a sea lion is born on a beach in Africa and learns to recognize her mother by her scent. Then Lily makes her way to the ocean for a swim but she's so young, she has to be rescued by mother.

Learning Objectives:

- Objective 1)** Students will be able to identify and describe the main characteristics of wildebeests and sea lions.
- Objective 2)** Students will be able to describe how the baby animals are cared for by their parents.
- Objective 3)** Students will understand the concept of “family” in the animal and the human world.
- Objective 4)** Students will understand that all animals are defenseless when they are born but that they all learn to survive against predators and support themselves by finding their own sources of food.
- Objective 5)** Students will understand that for animals and for humans, learning is part of growth.
- Objective 6)** Students will understand that all babies grow to become adult members of their species.

Pre-Viewing Questions and Activities:

- 1) What is a wildebeest? What other animal does he resemble?
- 2) Where do wildebeests live?
- 3) Where do sea lions live? Where are their babies born?
- 4) How large are baby sea lions?

Vocabulary: Define and discuss the following key terms:

Tanzania, groggy, sprint, technique, panic, terror-stricken, scruffy, disoriented, hyena, endurance, scent, favorable, become aware, scents, exhausted, judo, fighting, adventurer, squeal, crevice, discipline

Post-Viewing Questions and Discussion:

- 1) When Tom is just born, why doesn't his mother let him nurse?
- 2) What predatory animal separates Tom from his mother?
- 3) Describe the landscape where wildebeests live.

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- 4) Since all baby sea lions look alike, how does a mother find her newborn?
- 5) Why do sea lions have a natural instinct to head to the ocean?
- 6) Where are sea lions born?

Additional Activities:

- 1) Write a story about a baby wildebeest that can't understand why his mother keeps making him walk over rough terrain when he can barely stand.
- 2) One year later, tell us what this baby has learned about being a wildebeest and surviving in his wilderness home.
- 3) You are a mother sea lion who has lost her baby. Tell us how you are going to find him and why you are so worried about him.
- 4) You are a baby sea lion who has just been born. Why did you leave your mother and head straight for the sea. What were you thinking?
- 5) On the Internet or in the school media center, find further information about either of these animals. Present the information in an entertaining way to classmates who think there is nothing more to learn about wildebeests or sea lions.

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