



Red Light, Feed Light!

Animals are always on the lookout. Staying aware of their surroundings helps them find food to eat and avoid the attention of potential predators. Grab a (human) friend and test your instincts with this backyard edition of the classic “red light, green light” game.

Directions

1. **Print** out pages 3–5, single-sided. **Fold** each page in half so that there is a picture of a predator on one side and their prey on the other. Or, draw the animals on separate pieces of paper.
2. **Make** a start and finish line at least 6 feet apart. Use anything you want, such as tape or pillows.
3. **Ask** someone to help you test your instincts. **Review** the pictures together before you start each round so you both know which animals are predators and which animals are prey, or food.
4. To **play**, one person begins at the start line and pretends to be the animal from that round (crow, squirrel or butterfly). The other person stands behind the finish line and holds up the prey or predator picture. If they hold up the prey picture, the “animal,” or the person at the start line, moves towards the finish line. If they hold up the predator picture, the “animal” must freeze! Take turns being the picture-holder or the animal.

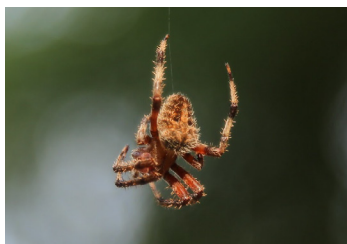
Round 1: American Crow

5. **Flap** your wings like a crow as you fly from start to finish. When the cardholder holds up a picture of your prey, the orb-weaver spider, keep **walking** forward. When they hold up the picture of your predator, the red-tailed hawk, **freeze** where you are.

You: Crow
Action: Flap your wings



Your prey: Spiders
Action: Move forward



Your predator: Hawks
Action: Freeze!



Round 2: Squirrel

6. **Walk** on all four legs like a squirrel and **move** forward when you see acorns to eat. **Freeze** when you see your predator, the bobcat.

You: Squirrel

Action: Walk on four legs



Your food: Acorns

Action: Move forward



Your predator: Bobcats

Action: Freeze!



Round 3: Cabbage White Butterfly

7. **Flutter** your wings and **move** forward when you see a flower. **Freeze** when you see a house sparrow that might want to eat you!

You: Butterfly

Action: Flutter your wings



Your food: Flowers

Action: Move forward



Your predator: Sparrows

Action: Freeze!



One more time!

8. **Challenge:** Which "animal" got to the finish line the fastest? Try the race again, but this time move the start and finish lines further apart.





