Around the World

OBJECTIVE
Students will learn the names of the earth’s continents and some endangered species that live on each one.

MATERIALS
☐ inflatable globe

ACTION

1. Have students stand in a circle. Explain that you’re going to toss each of them the globe. Tell them that when they catch it they should point to a continent and name it if they can. If they can’t, name it for them, have them show everyone which continent it is, and have all students repeat the name.

2. After a few tosses, ask students if they can name an endangered animal that lives on that continent. Again, if they can’t, help them and have the class repeat the names of the continent and the animal.

3. Continue the game to reinforce the continent names and animals until all students are familiar with at least two continents.

Here are some ideas to get you started:

Africa: oryx, python, mountain gorilla, cheetah, African penguin
Europe: Mediterranean monk seal, Baikal seal
Asia: Siberian tiger, sloth bear, Yangtze river dolphin
South America: manatee, Amazon river dolphin, Humboldt penguin, Lear’s macaw

North America: black-footed ferret, red wolf, manatee, thick-billed parrot, crocodile, California condor
Antarctica: blue whale
Australia: coral, palm cockatoo

A pesticide known as DDT almost destroyed the California brown pelican. Now DDT is banned in the U.S. and this species’ population is growing.

DEEPER DEPTHS
As you toss the globe, name the oceans and some animals that live there.