



Let's fantasize about animals... If you could be any animal you wanted, what animal would you be? What would you eat? Where would you live? How big would you be? What would you do all day? Find an animal that you'd like to be and write some "if" sentences about it. Study these examples.

Example: **TAKE SOME NOTES FIRST:**

1. Animal: Indian rhinoceros 2. Location: Africa 3. Habitat: watery places, mud holes
 4. Describe the animal: Bigger than a car! Gray skin like armor with a big horn on the nose
 5. Any related animals? Java rhinoceros 6. Lifestyle: Stand in mud all day
 7. Food: grass, sometimes grass belonging to farmers, fruit, leaves
 8. Communication: whistles, snorts,
 9. Movement: very slow walker, but can run and charge at things when angry
 10. Reproduction: (eggs, live birth, etc.) live birth 11. # of babies: usually only one at a time
 12. What does your animal do all day? Stands in mud all day, walks around looking for grass too
 13. Why did you choose this animal? I think it has a peaceful life
 14. Anything else interesting? Rhinos can get sunburned!

Example: **If I Could Be An Animal...**

If I could be any animal, I would be an Indian rhinoceros. I would eat grass, fruit, and lots of leaves. I would spend most of my day looking for food or standing in a mud hole protecting myself against the sun. If I were a rhinoceros, I would be very large - larger than a car - with gray skin that looked like armor. I would have a horn on my nose. I would have to be careful about my horn because hunters like to cut horns off! I would also have to be careful about the farmers - they get angry when rhinos eat their grass.

If I were a rhinoceros, I would usually move slowly, but I could run very fast if I got angry. Watch out! If I had rhino babies, they would be born alive. I would only have 1 baby at a time, and it would drink milk from me for one year. I would teach the baby the best watery places to stand in the mud, because rhinos can get sunburned if they aren't covered with mud during the hot daytime in Africa. If I were an Indian rhinoceros, I would be related to the Java rhino and I would communicate by whistling or snorting. I think that it would be peaceful to stand in the mud all day and eat grass, so that's why I would be an Indian rhinoceros if I could be an animal.

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