DEsert Creatures, Desert Sounds
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Have you ever come home from school only to be surprised by a wild animal on your block? Have you ever seen a Rattlesnake! a Javelina! a Coyote! a Gila Monster! in your neighborhood?

Let’s say it again:

Rattlesnake!
Javelina!
Coyote!
Gila Monster!

• What do these animals look like?
• What do you think these animals look like?
• Where do you think these animals live?
• Let’s draw them!

What are the sounds these animals make? Don’t be shy and sound them out!

Rattlesnakes says __________

Javelina says __________

Coyote says __________

Gila Monster says _______

What sounds rhyme with these sounds? (Offer these sounds as examples: HISS, SNORT, YOW, RUUUR)

• Why do you think they make these sounds?
• How do these animals communicate with each other?
• What are some occasions that these animals might want to communicate with each other?
• Why is communication so important?
• How do you communicate with your family? With your friends? Classmates? Teachers?

Let’s use our imagination!