Fourteen Animals That Are Definitely Not an Octopus

Story Summary
Fourteen beloved animals are presented who are definitely not an octopus—or are they? Children will love uncovering each octopus cleverly disguised in 14 animals’ shapes.

Lesson Focus
Animal Recognition

Activity Ideas
Animal Research
Research animals and write fact cards about them.

Optical Illusions
Introduce optical illusions to the children and have fun “seeing” the different images. Explain to children that people perceive things they see differently.

Additional activities can be found in the following pages of this document.

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Discuss the story and write your answers together.

What is *Fourteen Animals That Are Definitely Not an Octopus* about?

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How many of the animals in *Fourteen Animals That Are Definitely Not an Octopus* can you name?

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Which of the animals in *Fourteen Animals That Are Definitely Not an Octopus* have you seen before?

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Which of the animals in *Fourteen Animals That Are Definitely Not an Octopus* have you never seen?

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Which animal was your favorite in *Fourteen Animals That Are Definitely Not an Octopus*?

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Have you ever seen an octopus? What do you know about an octopus?

Do you notice anything different about this camel?

What is a squid?

Do you notice anything different about this squirrel?

Do you notice anything different about this giraffe?

Do you notice anything different about this porcupine?

What do you think it might be?

After viewing the Book:

1. Did you think the animals were actually an octopus? When did you start to think that? What were the clues?

2. What are the characteristics of an octopus?
Drawing and Writing

If you were an animal what animal would you want to be and why?
Draw yourself as an animal and finish the sentences below.

If I could be any animal I would be a(n) ____________ type of animal

because, ________________________________________________________________

why you chose that animal
Find all 14 hidden animals that are also an octopus and color them the correct color.
Connecting Activity

Can you match the correct animal name with the animals an octopus can create using its body? Draw a line to connect the two.

- Monkey
- Flamingo
- Snail
- Frog
- Rhino
- Snake
- Giraffe
- Squirrel
### Directions

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<td>Roll one piece of clay into a circle.</td>
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<td>Use all of the pieces to create animals like the ones in Fourteen Animals That Are Definitely Not an Octopus.</td>
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### Materials Needed

- Clay
- Play dough

Create your own animals out of clay.