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AMIFASTER THAN? Overview

This activity compares speeds and times of travel across a set distance.

Supporting information & resources:

Stop watches, meter markers, paper and pencils

What to do...

1 Ask your learners to work in pairs to measure the time taken to travel across a chosen distance, using the 3 movement types within the table.

Then ask them to use this equation to work out their approximate speed: **Speed = distance \div time**

| | Jog | Walk | Нор |
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| Distance (meters) | | | |
| Time (seconds) | | | |
| Speed (meters per second) | | | |

2 Now ask them to compare themselves against some members of the animal world.

What are you faster than?

- a) Buzzards fly at 26 meters per second
- **b)** Foxes move at 15 meters per second
- c) Badgers move at 8 meters per second
- d) Mice move at 5 meters per second
- e) Frogs hop at 2 meters per second
- f) Hedgehogs move at 1 meter per second
- g) Beetles move at 0.5 meters per second
- h) Woodlice move at 0.01 meters per second
- i) Snails move at 0.001 meters per second