Lesson Plan: Exploring Organisms

**General Description**
This activity is designed to teach the process of science and emphasize the importance of asking questions, begin teaching course content without any assumed background, and allow a discussion leader to establish rapport with his/her students.

**Objectives**
Students will
- ask basic questions (how, why, what, where, when) about organisms that are related to evolutionary and ecological issues.
- perceive themselves as engaged in the process of science by way of asking questions in the learning activity.
- become familiar with the topics that will be covered in L111.
- be motivated to participate in a learning process.
- be able to recognize and remember the names of discussion leader and fellow peers in the discussion section.

**Concepts**
Organisms, Environment, Ecology, Form/Function, Adaptation, Evolution

**Time**
about 40 minutes

**Prerequisite Skills**
None

**Materials**
- 1 bag of 30 plastic animals
- Overhead with identical handout for students to take away (or posted on a website)
- Student Handout