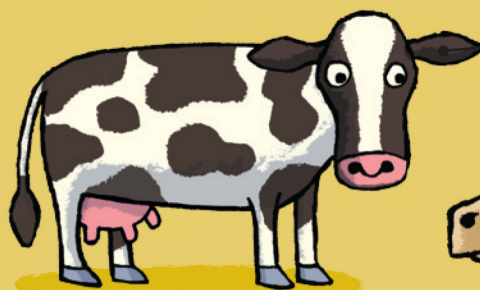


LITTLE EXPLORERS

# THE ANIMAL WORLD

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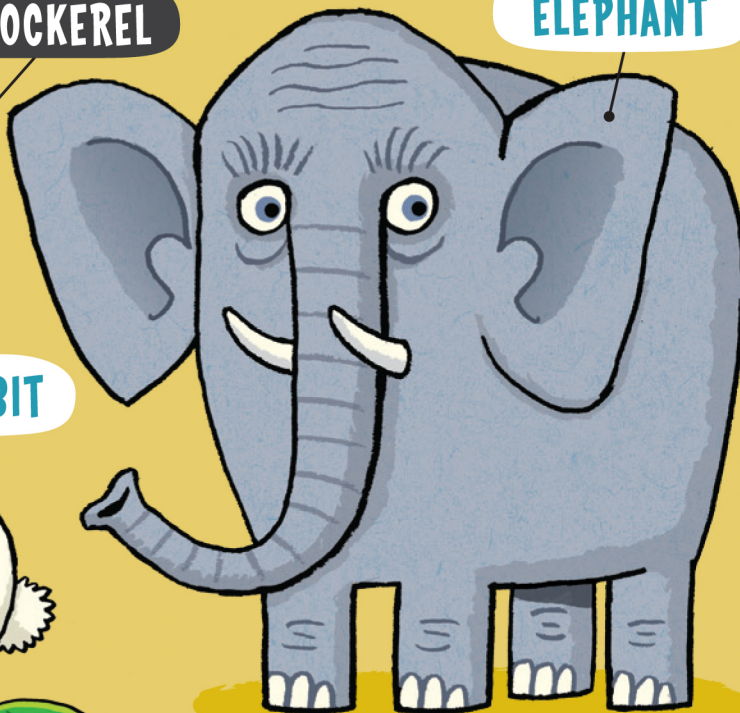


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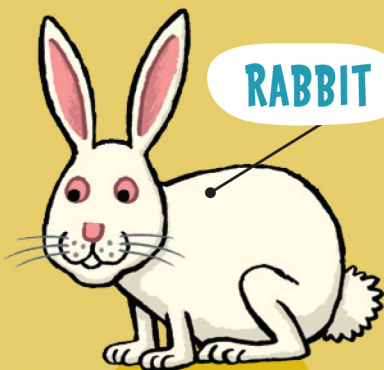
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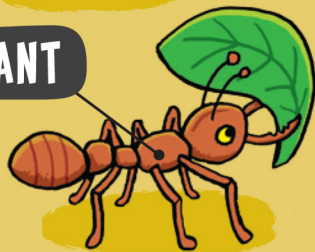
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# PERFECT PETS

Pets are animals that live with you at home and become part of the family. They can be great fun and make wonderful friends, but it is very important to look after them properly. Choosing which kind of pet to keep can be very tricky, so always find out what care they will need first.



## Guinea pig

These little pets need a safe place to run around outside for exercise.



Fish food

Outdoor run

## Rabbit

Rabbits can be very active and playful pets, so they need plenty of space.



## Goldfish

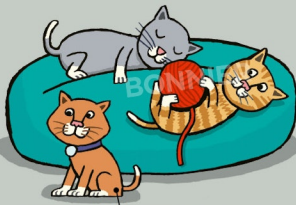
You can't cuddle a fish, but clean water makes them very happy.



## Sausage dog

There are hundreds of different breeds of dog to choose from, but they all need walking!

Lead



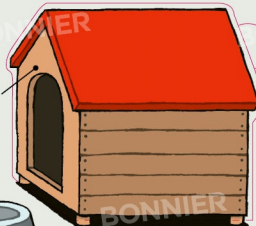
## Kittens

Little kittens are bundles of fun! Fully-grown cats like to hunt at night and sleep during the day.



Labrador

Kennel

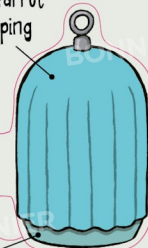


Food bowl

## Labrador

A pet dog will soon become your best friend! Remember some grow very large and they need lots of exercise.

Shh! Parrot sleeping



## Tortoise

A tortoise is a slow and quiet pet. Some live for 100 years!

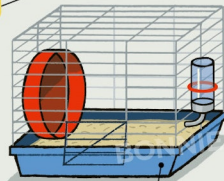


## Parrot

With some training, chatty parrots can copy what you say!



Horse transporter



Uh oh...

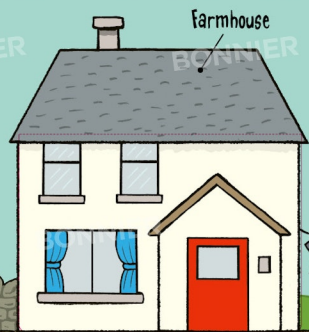
Someone has escaped! Some pets like to try and get out. Has anyone seen a hamster with a sense of adventure?

## ON THE FARM

There are lots of animals on the farm to keep the farmer busy! There are cows to milk, sheep to herd, pigs to feed and hens' eggs to collect. Let's explore the farmyard and find out what's going on...



Barn



Farmhouse



Farm cat



Tractor



Cow



Feed trough



Lamb



Sheep

A sheep's woolly coat is called a fleece. When it is long enough, the farmer shears off the fleece and it is used to make wool.



Chicken coop

Farm dog

Some breeds of dog can be trained to herd sheep.



Hen

Hens feed on grain, seeds and insects. Inside the coop, they lay eggs in straw nests.

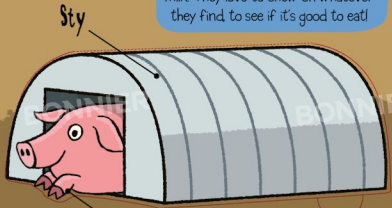


Cockerel



Goat

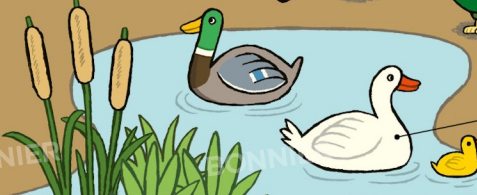
Goats are kept on farms for their milk. They love to chew on whatever they find to see if it's good to eat!



Sty

Pig

To keep cool, pigs love to wallow in water or mud! They eat almost anything, especially scraps from the farmer's table.



Duck

Ducks and their ducklings live around the pond. Ducks lay larger eggs than chickens.

## IN THE JUNGLE

There are many different jungles around the world, each filled with amazing animal life. The lush plant life means there is plenty of food so lots of species make the jungle their home. Who can you spot?

### Scarlet macaw

These brightly-coloured members of the parrot family from South America have strong beaks to crack hard nuts and seeds.

### Blue morpho

This beautiful blue butterfly feeds on rotten fruit. Its wingspan can be as big as a hand!



### Monkey

There are many kinds of monkey, but most have tails and many live in the trees. Some can be very smart and use tools.



### Toucan

With brightly-coloured bills, these birds feed on fruit and insects. They build their nests in hollows in tree trunks.



### Snake

This green tree python lives in the branches, striking out to catch birds, rats and lizards.

### Gorilla

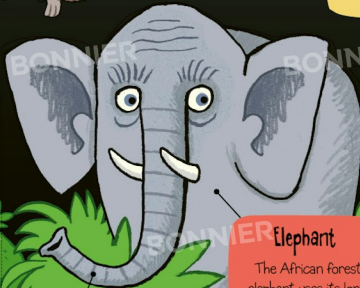
Gorillas are large African apes. They eat leaves and fruit as well as ants and termites.



### Elephant

The African forest elephant uses its long, flexible trunk to grab plants to eat.

Long trunk



Explorer

### Leafcutter ant

These tiny farmers grow their own fungus to eat! They feed it with freshly cut leaves.



Who's hiding?





### Arctic tern

This strong flyer travels all the way to the South Pole and back each year!

## THE ICY ARCTIC

At the top of the world, around the North Pole, is a very cold, snowy place called the Arctic. It can be a difficult place to live, so Arctic animals have found clever ways to survive the freezing weather.



### Snowy owl

This large owl hunts small creatures like mice and lemmings. It swallows them whole!



### Walrus

With its long tusks and moustache, it's easy to recognise a walrus! Diving under water, it feeds on many kinds of shellfish.



Den

### Reindeer

Two layers of thick fur keep reindeer warm, while their hooves help them cut through ice and snow to find mossy lichen to eat.



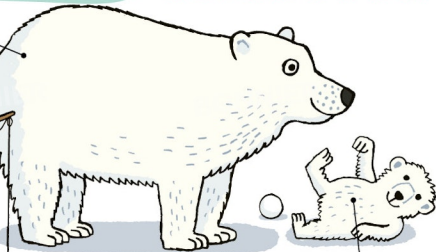
### Killer whale

Also known as an orca, this black and white hunter is actually the largest kind of dolphin.



### Polar bear

Covered in thick fur to keep warm, the polar bear wanders the ice to find seals to eat.



Cub

### Puffin

This seabird can fly as well as swim! It builds a nest in burrows at the coast and catches fish, holding several at a time in its colourful bill.



Puffling



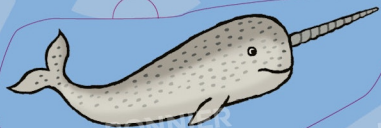
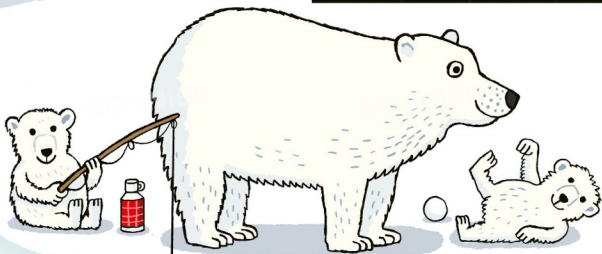
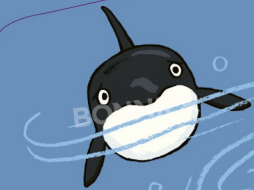
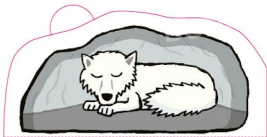
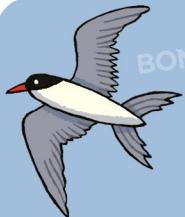
Unicorn?

Even though the Arctic is freezing and very dark for some of the year, there are still fish, seabirds, insects and furry mammals who manage to make it their home.



### Arctic fish

Arctic fish feed on shellfish and small sea creatures, as well as insects at the surface of the water.



## SANDY DESERT

Some amazing animals can be found living in sandy deserts, where there is very little rain all year long. Some deserts are very hot during the day and freezing cold at night. Let's find out which animals can survive life in the desert.

### Camel

Bactrian camels from Central Asia have two fatty humps. They can survive without water for months.



One hump or two?

### Fennec fox

This little fox is found in the biggest, sandy desert in the world, the Sahara in Africa. Its huge ears help to keep it cool.



### Vampire bat

Hunting at night, the vampire bat uses very sharp teeth to feed on the blood of sleeping animals.



### Vulture

Vultures are the cleaners of the desert. They are scavengers, feeding on the dead bodies of other animals.



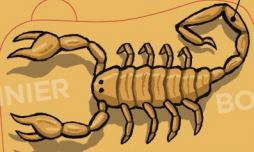
### Black widow spider

Look out for the tangled web and red markings of this female spider - she has a very nasty bite!



### Scorpion

A scorpion has a powerful sting in its whip-like tail. Sheltering in burrows all day, scorpions hunt at night.



### Chameleon

A chameleon can catch insects by shooting out its long, sticky tongue! Those big eyes can look for prey in all directions.

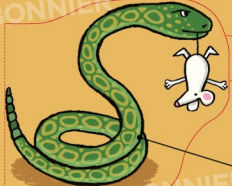
### Gila monster

This large, slow lizard hides underground and can go months without food. It has a venomous bite, but would struggle to catch you!



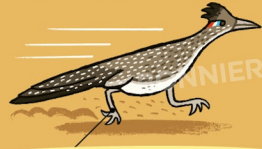
### Rattlesnake

The noisy rattle on the tail of this snake warns away enemies. It feeds on mice and birds, which it kills with a venomous bite.



### Roadrunner

This very speedy bird can easily catch spiders, scorpions, mice, lizards and snakes to eat.



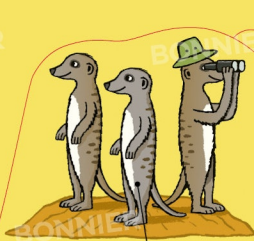
### Coyote

The howling call of the coyote is heard at night. They can see and smell very well and will feed on almost anything they can find.



## GRASSLANDS AND PLAINS

These large, windy areas of open country covered in grasses are found in many areas of the world, often in-between forests and deserts. Grazing animals make grasslands their home, as well as burrowing animals who create tunnel homes in the dry ground.



**Meerkat**

These small burrowing animals live in Africa and guard their large burrows very fiercely.



**Tapir**

This tapir calf has a long bendy nose to strip leaves from branches. Tapirs can be found in grasslands, mountains and forests.



**Grasshopper**

These plant-eating insects can leap long distances using their powerful back legs.



**Zebra**

These speedy animals graze near water, dashing away at any sign of danger. Each zebra has its own unique pattern of stripes.



**Skunk**

This very smelly creature comes out at night and sprays its enemies with an oily liquid that really stinks!



**Kangaroo**

These speedy animals bounce across the grasslands of Australia. Mother kangaroos keep their babies in a pouch.

**Bouncy back legs**

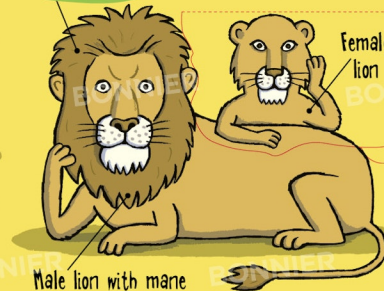


**Giraffe**

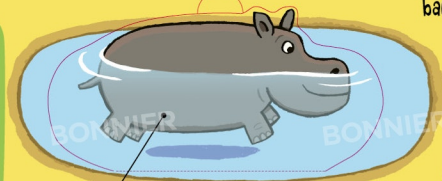
The tallest of all land animals, the giraffe can reach leaves high up in the trees.

**Lion**

Lions rest for most of the day, saving their energy for quick bursts of speed to hunt antelope, zebra, wildebeest, boar and deer.



**Hippopotamus**



**Ostrich**

This record-breaking bird is the largest, heaviest and fastest-running bird alive today!



**Male lion with mane**

**Female lion**



# COASTS AND OCEANS

Earth is called the Blue Planet because so much of the surface is made up of five large oceans: the Pacific and the Atlantic, as well as the Indian Ocean, Southern Ocean and Arctic Ocean. In this watery world, there are all kinds of incredible creatures... and many more yet to be discovered.

## Octopus

An octopus has eight legs and no skeleton at all, so it can squeeze through very tiny spaces!



Dolphin



## Seagull

Noisy gulls search the coastline swooping down to catch fish, crabs or whatever they can find!



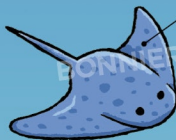
## Jellyfish

These soft-bodied creatures aren't actually fish but they do look like jelly! They use their long stinging tentacles to catch their prey.



## Ray

Gliding through the water with a flat body and wide fins like wings, rays find shellfish to eat on the sea-floor.



Clownfish



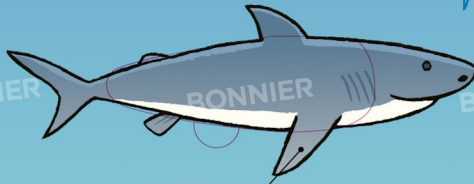
## Conger eel

These long, snake-like, wiggly fish live in holes in the rocks. They come out at night to hunt other fish.



## Shark

Watch out! The great white shark is a large, fierce hunter, with hundreds of teeth and a deadly strong bite.



Who's hiding here?



Starfish



## Anglerfish

At the bottom of the sea, the anglerfish uses a dangly lure like a fishing rod that glows in the dark to attract its next meal.



Lobster



Sea snail



## WILDLIFE TO WATCH

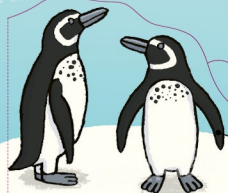
We've explored the world and spotted all kinds of creatures but some animals can be more difficult to find. Endangered animals are creatures at risk of dying out altogether. These are the animals to watch and protect as well as we can.



Eagle

This very large Philippine eagle needs us to protect its forest home from being cut down.

Huge wingspan



Penguin

These Galápagos penguins are facing many dangers. They need us to protect the waters they live in.



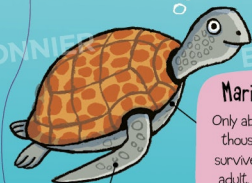
Bees and butterflies

Bees and butterflies do a very important job helping plants and crops to grow, but they are dropping in numbers.



Sea otter

These furry creatures are now protected from hunters to keep them safe.



Strong flippers

Marine turtle

Only about one in every thousand sea turtles survives to become an adult, so their nesting sites are very important.



Pup

Orangutan

These very clever apes live in the trees. They are carefully protected now to keep their forest homes safe.



Leaf beetle



Giant panda

These large black and white bears live in China. They are carefully protected to make sure they have space to live and have their babies.

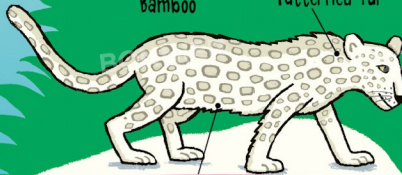


Bamboo

Patterned fur

Snow leopard

These large grey big cats live in the mountains of Asia. They have to be protected from hunters because of their beautiful spotted fur.



Peacock tarantula

Even spiders can become endangered, like this large blue tarantula, who needs safe woodland to live in.



Black rhino

The African black rhino, with its two large horns, has to be protected from hunters if it is to survive.



Two horns

Well over a million different animals have been found on Earth so far, with more being discovered all the time. Some struggle to survive, but by learning about them, we can help to protect their future. What kind of creature do you think we might find next?