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Why do you think birds have feathers?

Birds are the only kind of animal with feathers. Feathers help birds stay warm and keep dry. The feathers in a bird's wings help it fly.

FEATHER



What Is Different?

Look at each picture in the top row. Find the differences between it and the one below.





That's Cool!

Meet the clownfish.

Clownfish swim in warm ocean waters. These fish eat algae, worms, and tiny animals.

Clownfish live with animals called sea anemones (SAY: uh-NEM-uh-NEES).

ANEMONE

NAMING

What in the World Are These?



NAME SOME OTHER THINGS THAT ARE GREEN.



KOLF FAMILY FUN

Wolves live in family groups called packs. A pack usually has a mom, dad, babies, and older brothers and sisters. Young wolves are called pups.

Wolf pups love to wrestle and chase each other. A wolf family eats, plays, and sleeps together. They work as a team to hunt large animals, such as deer and moose.

A wolf pup starts to howl when it is two weeks old.

PUP



An older brother or sister babysits the pups while the rest of the pack hunts. The pups play, explore, and nap. When their parents return, the pups lick Mom or Dad's mouth. That means "Feed me, please."



After dinner, family time means playtime. Yippee!

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IDENTIFYING

WORKS WHERE

Use your finger to follow the path of each vehicle to the correct person. Ready, set, go!

How many of these vehicles can fly?

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FIRE ENGINE

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ROMPING WITH RHINOS

A baby rhino runs and plays. It stays close to its mother. A baby rhino is called a calf.

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A rhino calf gets milk from its mother. When it is about two months old, a baby rhino starts to eat grass.

Rhino is the nickname for the rhinoceros.



CALF

A newborn rhino weighs more than three five-year-old kids. Like its mom, the baby rhino has thick skin that looks like a suit of armor.

On hot days, the rhinos stay cool in water. The baby swims and dives.

A young rhino stays with its mother until it is about two years old.

PANGOLIN

OTHER ANIMALS WITH ARMOR

Meet some other animals that look like they are wearing armor.

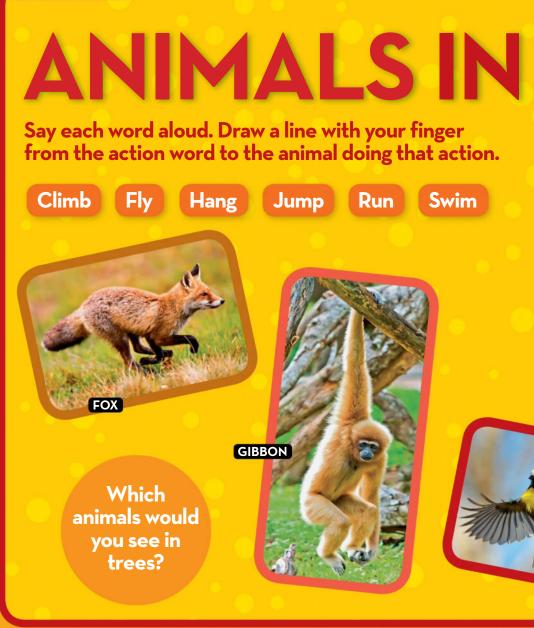
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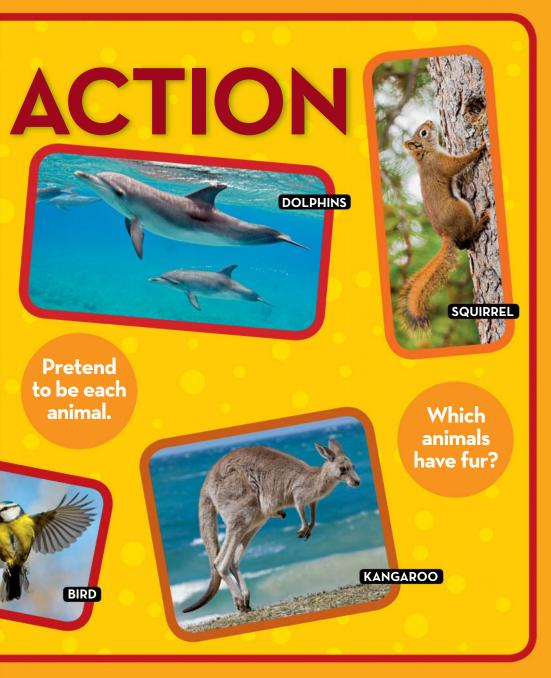
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NATURE

A MOUNTAIN GO

Mountain goats live high in the mountains. They climb up and down rocky cliffs to find grass and moss to eat.





The mountain goat uses its hooves to grab and hold onto rocks.

AT CLIMBS

Finally the mountain goat makes it to the top. What a great place for a picnic!

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Sometimes it jumps from rock to rock.

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PALEONTOLOGY

Dinosaur

Scientists know very little about this mysterious dinosaur. *Micropachycephalosaurus* may have lived in the forest.

FACTS

FOOD

plants

SIZE

This shows how big Micropachycephalosaurus was.

FIVE-YEAR-OLD

It could hide there from bigger animals that might eat it. This small dinosaur probably sneaked around on the ground, hiding under plants.

SAY MY NAME: MY-cro-PACK-ee-SEF-ah-lo-SORE-us

This dinosaur might have climbed onto tree branches to hide in the leaves. b

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OPPOSITES

PUSH AND PULL

Find all the kids pushing something. Count all the kids pulling something.









How many kids are wearing shorts?



What are some things that you push or pull?





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harp seal

FUN FACTS

Harp seals are born on sea ice. Fluffy white fur keeps them warm. Smooth gray fur replaces it. Soon the seals can swim.



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prairie dog

FUN FACTS

Prairie dogs live in families. They greet each other with a "kiss." Prairie dogs kiss by touching their front teeth together.



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moose

FUN FACTS

A moose is taller than most men. Male moose grow new antlers every summer. Female moose do not have antlers.



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water stick insect

FUN FACTS

The water stick is an insect that looks like a twig. It hides by blending with plants it lives on.



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BLUE-SPOTTED RIBBONTAIL RAY

blue-spotted ribbontail ray

FUN FACTS

This stingray lives in the ocean around coral reefs. The stingray uses a sharp spine on its tail to protect itself from enemies.



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Peruvian desert fox

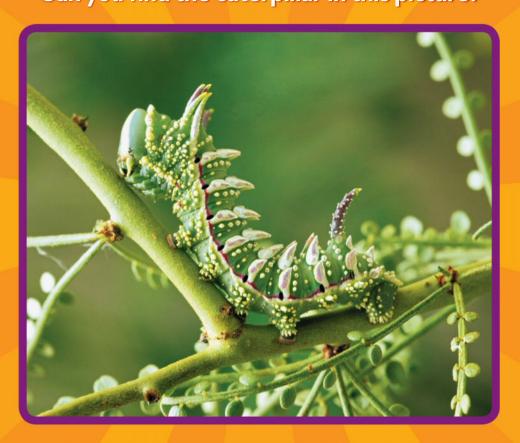
FUN FACTS

This fox is about the same size as a pet cat. It eats mostly insects and plants.



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OBSERVATION Hide-and-Seek Can you find the caterpillar in this picture?



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