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ANIMAL CARDS!

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Big
Blue
Birds

Why?

Why do you think baby deer have spots?



SPOTS

A baby deer is called a fawn.

Spots on a baby deer help hide it from hungry animals. The spots blend in with leaves and shadows.

SORTING

What Is Different?

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



Find one
difference.

Find two
differences.

Find three
differences.

That's Cool!

Meet the jellyfish.

Jellyfish have soft, squishy bodies and long tentacles that sting.

They eat squid, shrimp, fish, and tiny plants and animals.

Many kinds of jellyfish live in oceans around the world.

TENTACLES



NAMING

What in the World Are These?



_OG



_OALA



_ACCOON



_ABBIT



_AT



_IGER



_EAR



_OX



_ERRET

HOW MANY OTHER **ANIMALS** CAN YOU NAME?

BIG BLUE BIRDS

Squawk. Screech.
Squawk. Hyacinth
macaws are big,
friendly, noisy
parrots.

Hyacinth macaws
(SAY: HI-uh-sinth muh-CAWS)
live in trees.



Macaws scream hello to each other across the forest. They even talk while they eat.

“Hello. Meow.”
Macaws can copy sounds of people and other animals.



Hyacinth macaws eat hard nuts from palm trees.



NUT

A macaw's giant beak is strong enough to crack a hard shell. The beak is also gentle enough to clean and comb a friend's feathers.



CLEANING

NOW SHOWING!
MACAW VIDEO!

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From beak to tail, this bird is as long as a four-year-old kid.

After eating,
macaws relax
together in
a tree. Some
chat. Some nap.
Others clean
each other.



It is nice to
have good
friends.

SEQUENCING

GROWING SUN

A sunflower is a kind of plant. Like you, it looks different as it grows. Can you number these pictures in the order that sunflowers grow? Write the number in the white box.

What happens first?

What happens second?

What happens next?

What happens last?



FLOWERS

What color
is a sunflower?



1

Point to the
pictures that have
dirt in them.

SPIRIT BEARS

A white bear wanders through the woods. It is a spirit bear. Spirit bears live only in mossy green forests.

Sometimes a spirit bear will pick yummy fruit from trees.





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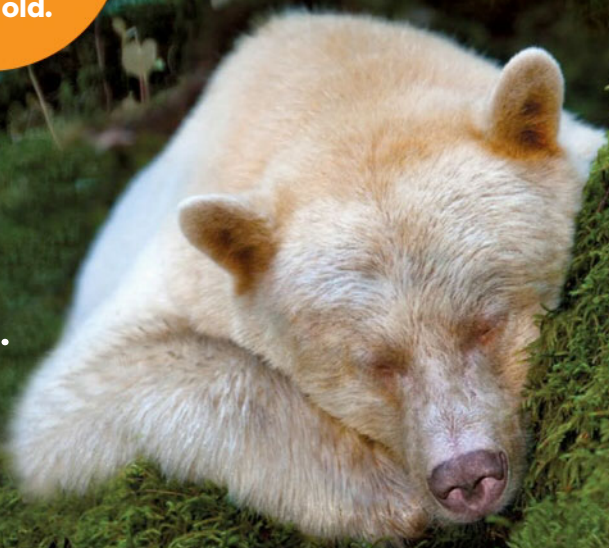
Spirit bears fish for salmon.
They also eat seaweed and fruit.

A cub
is a baby
bear.



A spirit bear
cub stays with
its mother
until it is two
years old.

After dinner, a
spirit bear curls
up for a nap in
soft green moss.



OTHER BEARS

Here are four more kinds of bears.



BROWN BEAR



GIANT PANDA BEAR



POLAR BEAR



SPECTACLED BEAR

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COUNTING

HOW MANY SCOOPS?

Count how many fingers each hand is holding up. Match the number of fingers to the ice cream cone with the same number of scoops.



What is
your favorite
ice cream
flavor?



Count
all the
scoops of
ice cream.

BEAVERS BUILD

1

Beavers live near streams and rivers. They use their sharp teeth to cut down trees. Then they remove the branches and twigs.



A DAM



2

The beavers drag the branches and twigs into the water and pile them up. They use mud, rocks, and plants to hold the wood in place.



3

The beavers have built a dam. The dam turns a stream into a pond. Now the beaver family has a place to live.



HORNED LIZARD!

Horned lizards live in hot deserts and other places that do not get much rain. These places also have lots of animals that want to eat the lizard!


Discover how the horned lizard has the perfect body for where it lives.

Foxes, coyotes, snakes, and birds eat horned lizards.

The horned lizard shakes its tail in dry leaves. This makes noises that scare away other critters.



Its color blends in with rocks and sand. That helps it hide from other animals.



Sharp horns
on its head and
spikes on its body
protect the lizard
from hungry
animals. Ouch!

The horned
lizard uses its
sharp jaw and
head as a shovel.
It cools off in
holes it digs.

This lizard
has a **long sticky**
tongue that
catches ants and
other insects.

Horned
lizards lick
water drops
from leaves to
get a drink.

Sharp
claws help the
lizard run up
and down rocks
to get away
from hungry
animals.

A horned
lizard could fit
in your hand.

FINDING

FIREWORKS F



Use the clues below to find different fireworks in the picture.

Can you find two red fireworks?

Find the one that is highest in the sky.

Tap the one between the red and blue fireworks.

Which one is lowest in the sky?

Count all the fireworks.

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When do
you see
fireworks?



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MOUNTAIN HARE

mountain hare

FUN FACTS

In summer, mountain hares are brown. In winter, their fur is white. These hares rest during the day and look for food at night.



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CANADA GOOSE

Canada goose

FUN FACTS

A mother goose keeps her eggs warm until they hatch. While she sits on the eggs in their nest, the father goose stands guard.



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LEAFY SEA DRAGON

leafy sea dragon

FUN FACTS

A leafy sea dragon is a kind of fish. It looks like a floating plant. This helps it hide from enemies.



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BUSH BABY

bush baby

FUN FACTS

A bush baby has big eyes that help it see at night. It hunts for insects after dark. A bush baby uses its front paws to grab food.



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HORSE

horse

FUN FACTS

This kind of horse is called a Welsh mountain pony. Ponies are small horses. They are small even when they are fully grown.



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PAMPAS FOX

pampas fox

FUN FACTS

A pampas fox weighs about as much as a pet cat. It is called a zorro (so-roh) in South America where it lives.



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OBSERVATION

Hide-and-Seek

Can you find the octopus in this picture?



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