OBSERVATION

Critter Corner What do you think these raccoons are doing?



A. Singing in a talent show B. Hanging out in their den C. Waiting for food to fly by

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Seahorses.

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Why do you think elephants touch trunks?

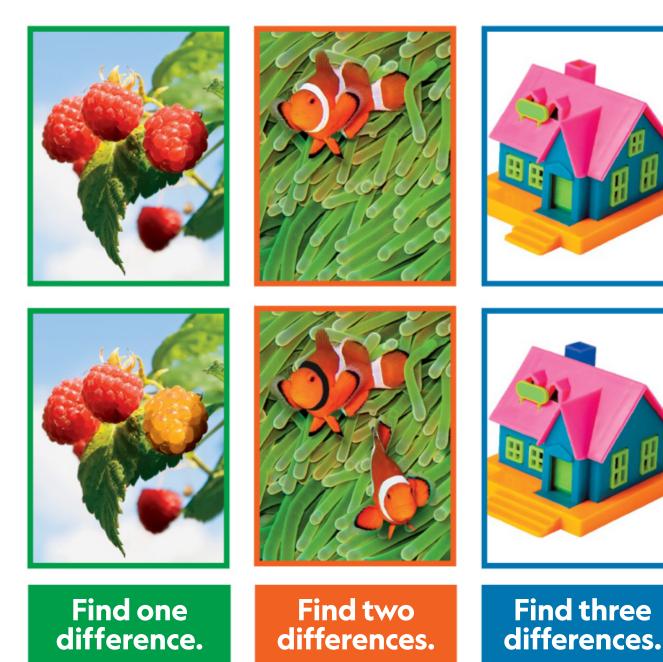
TRUNK

Elephants use their trunks to comfort each other. It is like when people hug.



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 carmine bee-eater.

Carmine bee-eaters ride on the backs of big animals like kori bustards.





A bee-eater eats bees, grasshoppers, and wasps. These birds hunt insects kicked up as the bustard walks.

NAMING

What in the World Are These?



NAME SOME OTHER THINGS WITH STRIPES.

> Something is fishy about this horse. A seahorse might look like a horse, but it is a fish!



Seahorses live in the ocean. They wrap their tails around rocks or seagrass so they do not float away.

Seahorses come in many different sizes, shapes, and colors.

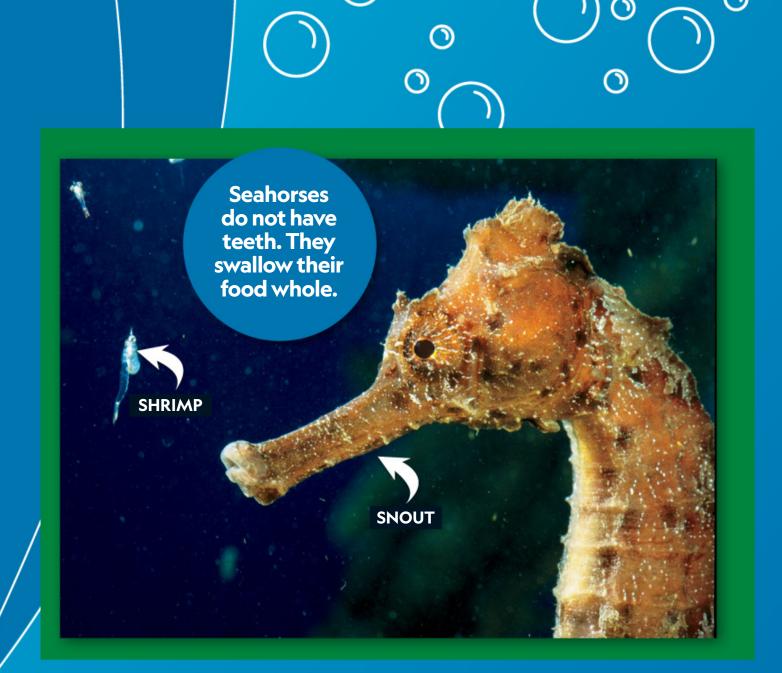
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NAVITH YASASINDHU / EYEEM / GETTY IMAGES (SMALL PICTURE); ALEX MUSTARD / MINDEN PICTURES (BIG PICTURE) Seahorses change color to match their home. That makes them harder to see. They hide and wait for tiny fish or shrimp to eat.





A seahorse's long snout works like a straw. When its food comes close, the seahorse quickly sucks it up. *Slurp*.

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LUKAS BLAZEK / DREAMSTIME (IN GRASS); GOLFX / SHUTTERSTOCK (PINK SEAHORSE); GEORGE GRALL / NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC IMAGE COLLECTION (WITH SHRIMP)

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IDENTIFYING

Animals use their claws to dig, climb, and catch food. Draw a line with your finger from each animal to the picture of its claws.

CHAMELEON

LION





A Bactrian camel hikes across the rocky, sandy desert. It looks for shrubs and grass to eat.

CANELS

IN THE

DESERT

A camel's humps store fat. Camels use the fat like you use food. It gives camels energy when they cannot find food.

A baby camel's humps start to grow when it is about six weeks old.

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BABY



LEXANDER FROLOV / ALAMY (BIG PICTURE); GER BOSMA / ALAMY (BABY)

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When the wind whips sand into its face, the camel closes its nostrils. This keeps the sand out of its nose. A Bactrian camel is taller than your bedroom door.

Bactrian camels have two humps. Some camels have only one hump.

Its bushy eyebrows and long eyelashes protect its eyes.

EYELASHES

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MORE DESERT ANIMALS

ROADRUNNER

Here are a few other animals that live in deserts.

FENNEC FOX

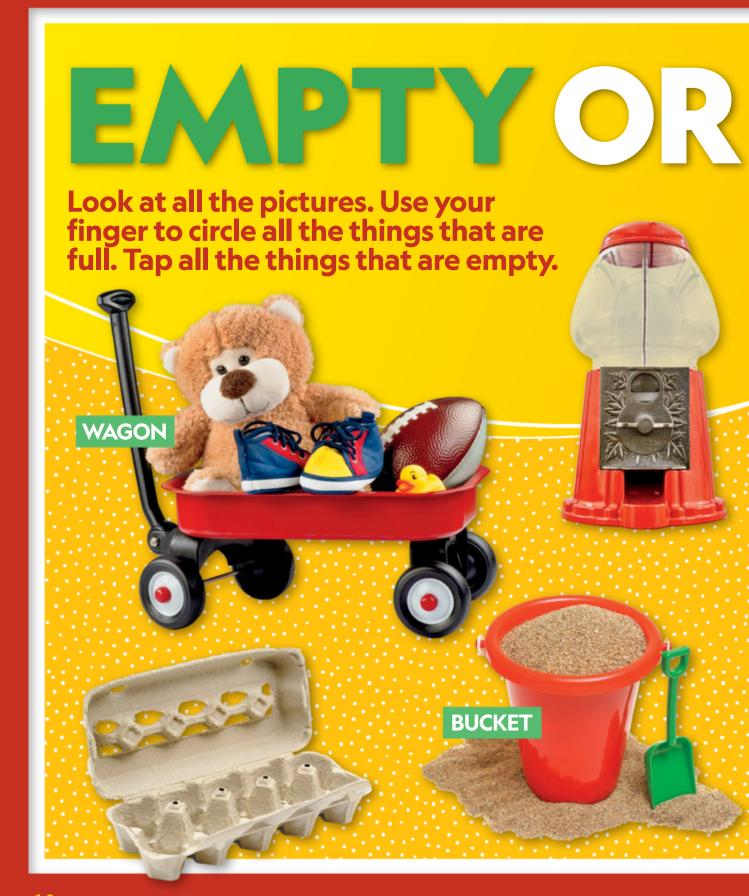
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TOADHEAD AGAMA

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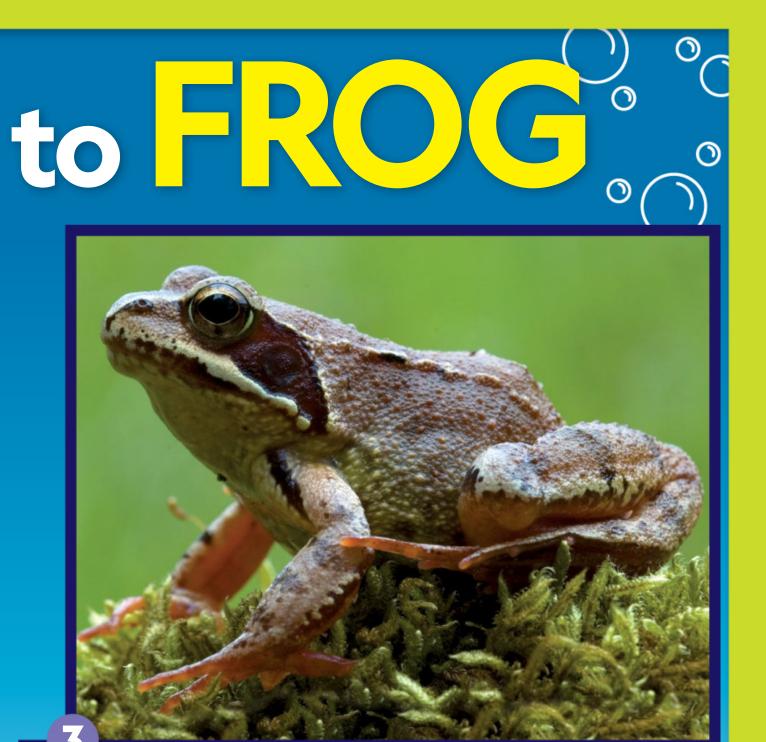


A baby frog is called a tadpole. In the water, it looks like a funny fish.



The tadpole grows legs. It also grows lungs so it can breathe out of the water.





Now the tadpole has turned into a frog. It lives on land but still can swim. Ribbit!

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SNOWY TREE

When you hear a cricket chirping, it might be this kind. It is found throughout the United States.

FACTS

FOOD Aphids, other insects, plants

SIZE

FIVE-YEAR-OLD'S HAND





Male crickets chirp by rubbing the edges of their front wings together.

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CRICKET

FROM THE PAGES OF



Snowy tree crickets live in shrubs, vines, and trees.

You can tell what the temperature is outside by how fast or slow a cricket chirps. The warmer it is, the faster the cricket chirps.

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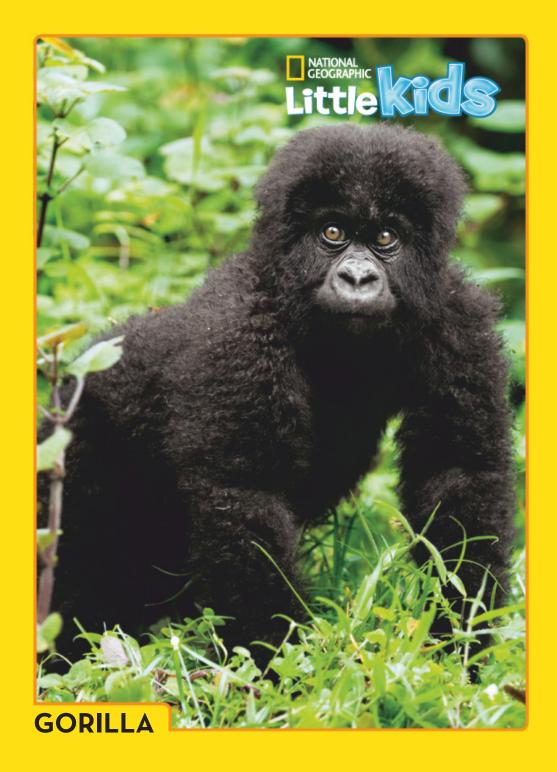


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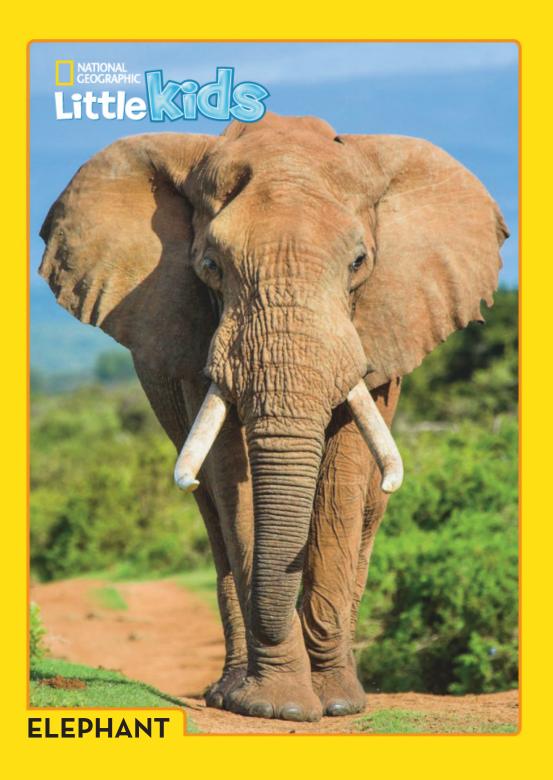
FUN FACTS

Gorillas are a kind of ape. Mother gorillas take care of their babies for about four years. Gorillas can live to be 50 years old.



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WILD CARDS



elephant

FUN FACTS

Elephants are the largest land animals. Adult elephants have tusks. Tusks are long teeth that grow the elephant's whole life.



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sea lion

FUN FACTS

A baby sea lion can catch its own fish to eat by the time it is about five months old. Sea lions spend a lot of time in the ocean.



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flamingo

FUN FACTS

Flamingos stand about five feet tall but weigh only about six pounds. Their pink color comes from the food they eat.



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WILD CARDS



green iguana

FUN FACTS

This iguana spends most of its time high up in trees. That is where it finds food—leaves, flowers, and fruit.



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BLACK-BACKED JACKAL

black-backed jackal

FUN FACTS

Jackals are relatives of dogs and wolves. The black-backed jackal lives in parts of Africa. Its black back gave this jackal its name.



JONATHAN PLEDGER / SHUTTERSTOCK