

OBSERVATION

Critter Corner

What do you think these raccoons are doing?



GERALD A. DEBOER / SHUTTERSTOCK

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

Answer: B

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Seahorses!

Why?

Why do you think elephants touch trunks?



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

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 carmine bee-eater.

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

CARMINE BEE-EATER

KORI BUSTARD

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?



__AINBOW



__LAG



__IGER



__OCKS



__EBRAS



__ATERMELONS



__OT-AIR BALLOON



__ACKPACK



__NAKE

TOP ROW (LEFT TO RIGHT): GOODSHOOT / JUPITERIMAGES; COMSTOCK / PUNCHSTOCK; PAUL KLINE / GETTY IMAGES. MIDDLE ROW (LEFT TO RIGHT): OLGA POPOVA / DREAMSTIME; IMAGE SOURCE / GETTY IMAGES; MEDIOIMAGES / PHOTODISC / GETTY IMAGES. BOTTOM ROW (LEFT TO RIGHT): BAMBIL / DINGMAN / DREAMSTIME; CORBIS / CORBIS; MIGUEL ANGEL CABRERA / GETTY IMAGES.

NAME SOME OTHER THINGS WITH STRIPES.


FANTASTIC

FISH

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.

**NOW
SHOWING!**

**SEAHORSE
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Seahorses change color to match their home. That makes them harder to see. They hide and wait for tiny fish or shrimp to eat.



Seahorses do not have teeth. They swallow their food whole.

SHRIMP

SNOUT

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

FIND THE

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.



KOALA



LION

CHAMELEON



CLAWS



CHIPMUNK



PENGUIN



SLOTH



MATTHEW RICHARDSON / STOCKIMO / ALAMY (CHAMELEON CLAW); ROB HAINER / SHUTTERSTOCK (LION); ANTARCTICA / SHUTTERSTOCK (KOALA); ALEXEY SEAFARER / SHUTTERSTOCK (PENGUIN, PENGUIN CLAWS); ANDREAUX / SHUTTERSTOCK (LION CLAWS); PAUL MUSGRAVE / GETTY IMAGES (CHIPMUNK); SEAPHOTOART / SHUTTERSTOCK (SLOTH CLAWS); KATKELTER / GETTY IMAGES (CHIPMUNK CLAWS); CATHY KEIFER / SHUTTERSTOCK (CHAMELEON); 1989STUDIO / SHUTTERSTOCK (KOALA CLAWS); ROY TOFT / NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC IMAGE COLLECTION (SLOTH)

CAMELS

IN THE

DESERT

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

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.

BABY

HUMP



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



MORE DESERT ANIMALS



ROADRUNNER

Here are a few other animals that live in deserts.



JERBOA



FENNEC FOX



TOADHEAD AGAMA

MARCUS DEYOUNG / ALAMY (BIG PICTURE);
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DENNIS W DONOHUE / SHUTTERSTOCK
(ROADRUNNER); ISTOCK / NATTANAN726
(FENNEC FOX); YERBOLAT SHADRAKHOV /
SHUTTERSTOCK (JERBOA); NURLAN
KALCHINOV / ALAMY (TOADHEAD AGAMA)

EMPTY OR

Look at all the pictures. Use your finger to circle all the things that are full. Tap all the things that are empty.

WAGON



BUCKET



FULL?

EGG CARTON



GLASS



GUMBALL MACHINE



W: SCOTT MCGILL / SHUTTERSTOCK (FULL WAGON); KITCH BAIN / SHUTTERSTOCK (EMPTY GUMBALL MACHINE); EKKACHAI / SHUTTERSTOCK (FULL EGG CARTON); YELLOW CAT / SHUTTERSTOCK (EMPTY PAIL); PAKET / SHUTTERSTOCK (EMPTY GLASS); OFESTOCKER / SHUTTERSTOCK (EMPTY EGG CARTON); MATT BENOIT / SHUTTERSTOCK (FULL PAIL); D-WHITE / SHUTTERSTOCK (FULL GLASS); PAUL ORR / SHUTTERSTOCK (EMPTY WAGON); WINSTON LINK / SHUTTERSTOCK (FULL GUMBALL MACHINE)

From Tadpole



1

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

2

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



to **FROG**



3

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

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



WING



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

CRICKET

Can you
chirp like a
cricket?

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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.

FLOWER

Draw a line with your finger from each big flower to the little flower that looks like it.



ASTER



POPPY



LILY



How many
big flowers can
you count?

FUN!

DAHLIA

Find the
orange flowers.

DAISY

BRAND X (POPPY, BOTH); LILY, BOTH); TANIA ZBRODKO / SHUTTERSTOCK (ASTER, BOTH); ANDREW MAYOVSKYY / SHUTTERSTOCK (DAHLIA, BOTH); KUCHER SERHII / SHUTTERSTOCK (DAISY, BOTH); ALEX MUSTARD / NPL / MINDEN PICTURES (COVER)

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GORILLA

gorilla

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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ELEPHANT

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

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

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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GREEN IGUANA

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.



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