

OBSERVATION

Critter Corner

What do you think this giant panda is doing?



- A. Playing the flute B. Eating bamboo
C. Brushing its teeth

Answer: B

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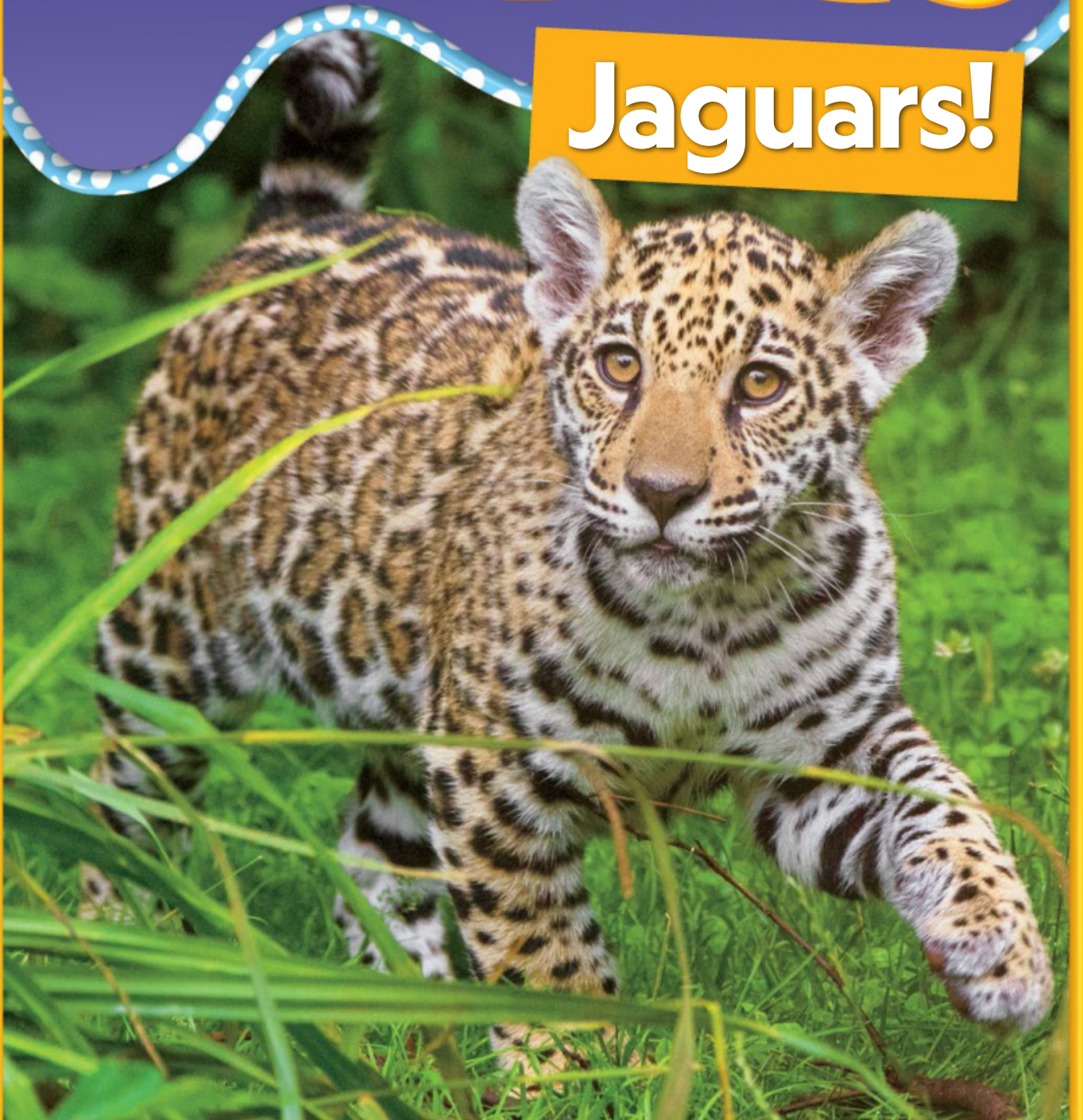
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Jaguars!



Why?

Why do you think skunks are smelly?



RAISED TAIL



A skunk has a smelly liquid inside its body. The skunk may raise its tail to squirt the liquid at an enemy. The stinky spray makes the enemy run away.

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 great crested newt.

This newt lives in the forest. It spends time in ponds and on the forest floor.

CREST



It hunts worms, slugs, and insects at night.

Great crested newts are almost as long as this page.

THIS NEWT IS SWIMMING UNDERWATER.

NAMING

What in the World Are These?



_IRD



_EAVES



_OOSE



_EETLE



_WL



_UTTERFLY



_ACCOON



_USHROOM



_INE CONE

NAME OTHER THINGS YOU MIGHT SEE IN A FOREST.

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ANIMALS

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JAGUARS LEARN TO HUNT

Baby jaguars watch their mother to learn to hunt. Then they practice their skills.

The cub tries to leap on its food, just like Mom. It pounces at a frog. Uh-oh! It misses!



Spots help jaguars hide in grass and shadows.

A baby jaguar is called a cub.



The cub tries to be sneaky like Mom. It tries creeping up on another cub for fun.

Rattle. Crack.
The cub makes too much noise shaking leaves and snapping twigs. It is not sneaky yet.

Jaguars eat fast animals like deer, wild pigs, birds, and monkeys.



Jaguars love to swim and hunt in the water.





A jaguar mom has two to four cubs.



A cub starts to hunt alone when it is about a year and a half old.

Soon the cubs will be fast and quiet like their mother. For now it is time for little jaguars to jump and play!

FARM ANIMAL

Count the number of baby farm animals in each green circle. Match the number of babies to the number in the red circle.

1



CALVES



LAMBS



Which picture has the fewest animals?

4

COUNTDOWN

2

Which picture has the most animals?



PIGLETS

3



CHICKS



COLT

5

SNACKS

WITH

BATS

Flying foxes are bats. They sleep in trees during the day and search for food at night.

At sunset, thousands of flying foxes leave their trees and soar through the sky.

The flying fox
is one of the
largest bats in
the world.



Bats use
their feet to
hang from
branches.

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Flying foxes eat fruit. They use their eyes and nose to find trees full of food.

Just before the sun rises in the morning, the bats fly home and go to sleep.



They use their wings and feet to climb around in trees and grab fruit.

These bats are sometimes called fruit bats.



MORE

BATS

**CALIFORNIA
LEAF-NOSED BAT**



**TOWNSEND'S
BIG-EARED BAT**

There are more than 1,200 kinds of bats. Here are just a few.

**LESSER
SHORT-NOSED
FRUIT BAT**



**SPOTTED
BAT**



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WHAT COMES

The vehicles make a different pattern in each row. Can you say which vehicle comes next in the pattern in each row?

EASY



POLICE CAR

HARDER



AMBULANCE



FIRE TRUCK



DUMP TRUCK



AMBULANCE

HARDEST



CAR



TRUCK



TRUCK



CAR

NEXT?



SCHOOL BUS



POLICE CAR



SCHOOL BUS



FIRE TRUCK



DUMP TRUCK



AMBULANCE



TRUCK



TRUCK



CAR



NERTHUZ / GETTY IMAGES (POLICE CAR, ALL); PANTHER MEDIA GMBH / ALAMY (SCHOOL BUS, ALL); DK ARTS / SHUTTERSTOCK (AMBULANCE, ALL); LE DO / SHUTTERSTOCK (FIRETRUCK, ALL); DRAGUNOV / SHUTTERSTOCK (DUMP TRUCK, ALL); ANTONIO JORGE NUNES / SHUTTERSTOCK (YELLOW CAR, ALL); RISTESKI GOCE / SHUTTERSTOCK (PICKUP TRUCK, ALL)



A PELICAN



1
A brown pelican looks for fish in the water. It sees one and dives in to catch it.



2
The pelican opens its bill and scoops up the fish.

CATCHES A FISH

3

Now the pelican drains the water out of its throat pouch. Then it swallows the fish. *Gulp!*



THROAT POUCH

LIZARD HUNTER

FACTS

FOOD

meat

SIZE



FIVE-YEAR-OLD

Some dinosaurs hunted other animals. These meat-eaters are called predators. The animals they hunt are called prey.

Compsognathus was a predator. It ran quickly on its two hind legs to catch its prey—lizards, insects, and other small animals.

SAY MY NAME: KOMP-sog-NAH-thus

Compsognathus
was about the
size of a turkey.

COMPSOGNATHUS



DRAGONFLY

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PAGES OF



ANIMAL SOUNDS

Point to each word below. Say it aloud. Match the word to the animal that makes that sound.

MEOW

CROW



SQUEAK

HOOT

CAW

HOWL



OWL

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WOLF



MOUSE



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WILD CARDS



BOBCAT

bobcat

FUN FACTS

**Bobcat babies are called kittens.
Kittens learn to hunt and live
on their own by the time they
are about nine months old.**



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WILD CARDS



PACIFIC SEA NETTLES

Pacific sea nettles

FUN FACTS

Sea nettles are a kind of jellyfish. Their long tentacles can stretch about as long as five four-year-old kids lying head to toe.



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WILD CARDS



LOBSTER MOTH CATERPILLAR

lobster moth caterpillar

FUN FACTS

This caterpillar eats a lot of leaves to grow bigger. Then it spins a covering called a cocoon. Inside the cocoon it turns into a moth.



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WILD CARDS



BLACK RHINOCEROS

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black rhinoceros

FUN FACTS

A black rhinoceros has two horns on its nose. A mother rhino uses her horns to protect her baby from lions and crocodiles.



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WILD CARDS



KEEL-BILLED TOUCAN

keel-billed toucan

FUN FACTS

The keel-billed toucan eats a lot of fruit. The bird uses its long bill to pick the fruit from trees. Then it swallows the food whole.



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WILD CARDS



PIKA

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pika

FUN FACTS

In the fall, pikas collect grasses and other food to save. They make grass “haystacks” so they have food during the winter.



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