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Critter Corner

What do you think these bears are doing?



A. Talking B. Dancing C. Playing

Answer: C

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Jumping
Spiders!

Why?

Why do you think cows moo?

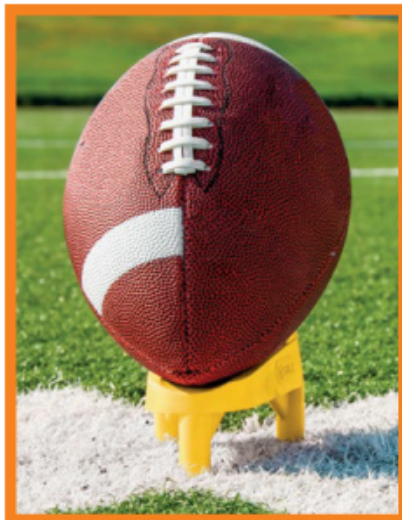
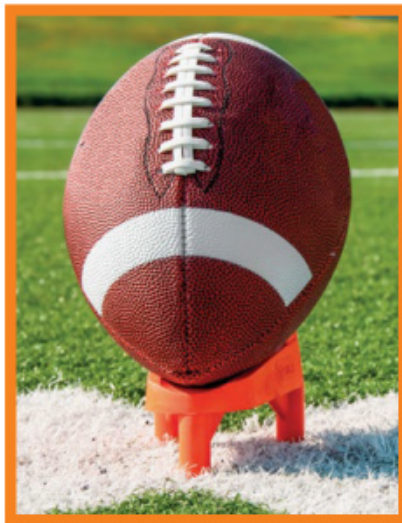


Cows moo to talk to each other and when they are hungry. Mothers and babies moo to find each other.

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 okapi.
(Say oh-KAH-pee)

Okapis lives in the rainforest. They are taller than most grown-ups.

TONGUE

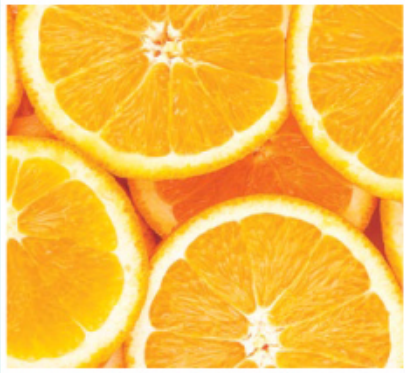
Its long tongue pulls leaves from branches.

CALF

A mother and calf "talk" with sounds other animals cannot hear.

NAMING

What in the World Are These?



_RANGES



_EPPER



_UMPKINS



_RACKERS



_ARROTS



_WEET POTATOES



_PRICOTS



_ANTALOUE



_ANGERINES

NAME SOME OTHER THINGS THAT ARE **ORANGE**.

TOP ROW (LEFT TO RIGHT): LEN44IK / SHUTTERSTOCK; TOPSELLER / SHUTTERSTOCK; NATAL GLADO / SHUTTERSTOCK. MIDDLE ROW (LEFT TO RIGHT): KATRINA BROWN / SHUTTERSTOCK; EPICUREAN / ISTOCKPHOTO; AN NGUYEN / SHUTTERSTOCK. BOTTOM ROW (LEFT TO RIGHT): KESU / SHUTTERSTOCK; NITR / SHUTTERSTOCK; MALY DESIGNER / SHUTTERSTOCK.

JUMPING SPIDERS!

The jumping spider watches. It follows. Then it leaps like a tiger to catch its food.

These spiders avoid people. If one sees you it will jump away.

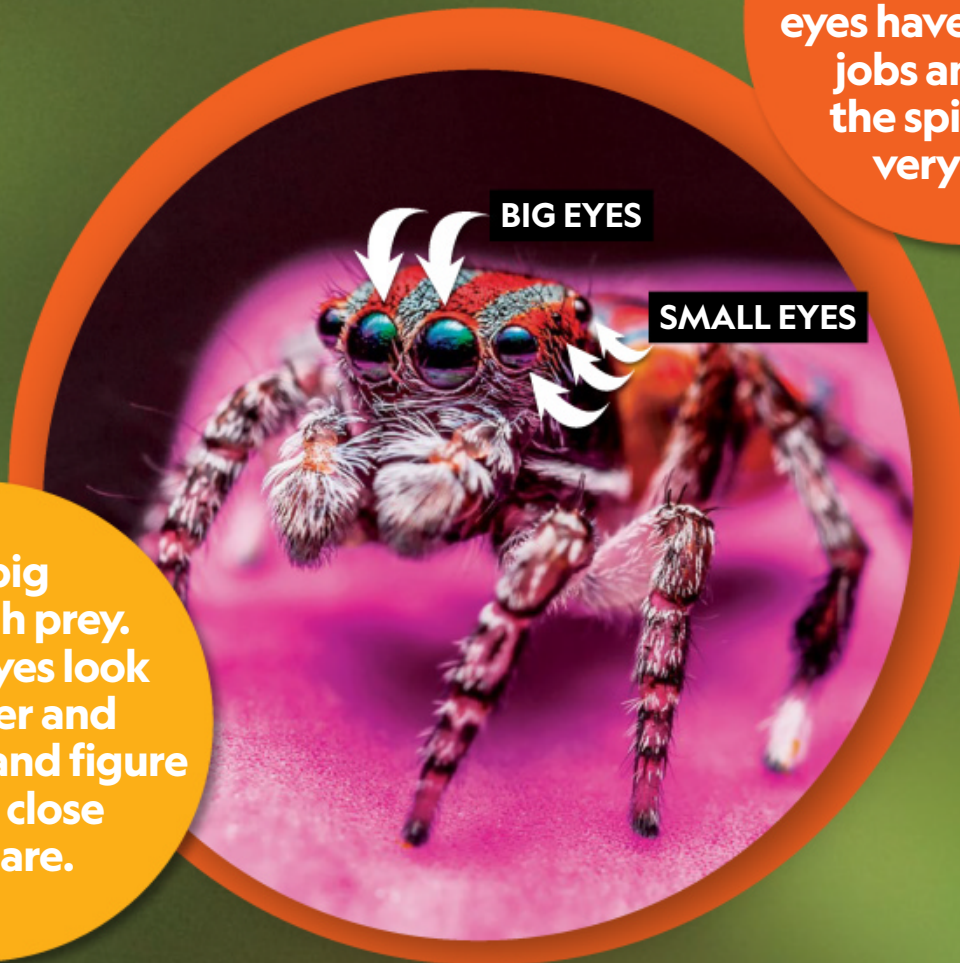


Jumping spiders live all over the world. They are different sizes and colors. Most are about the size of the nail on your pinkie finger.



Jumping spiders do not trap food in webs like other spiders do. They look for a crawling bug. Then they plan the best way to sneak close enough to jump on it.

All jumping spiders have eight eyes. The eyes have different jobs and help the spider see very well.

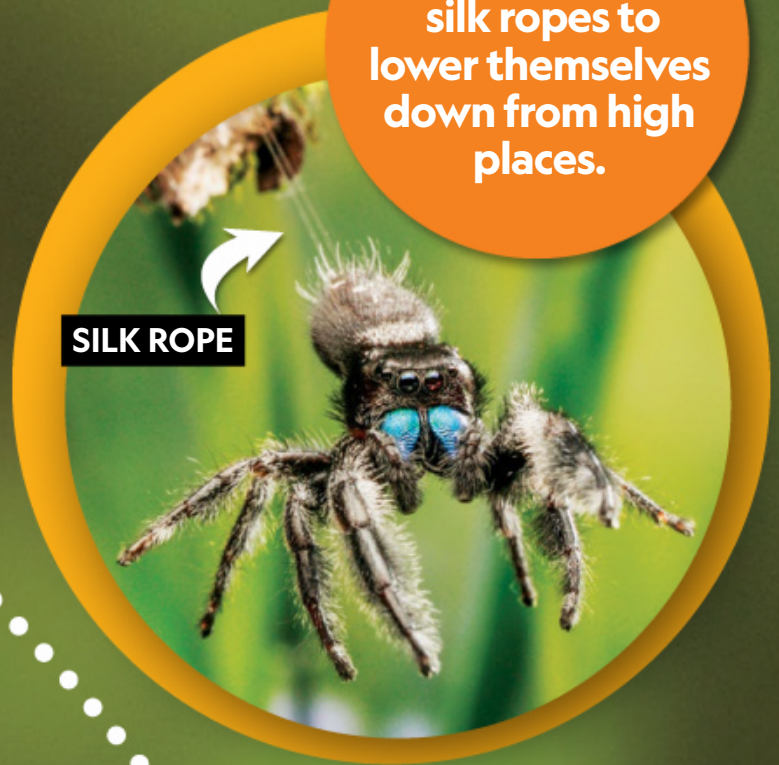


Two big eyes watch prey. Six small eyes look for danger and movement, and figure out how close things are.

These little spiders are big jumpers. Some could leap over an open copy of this magazine to catch a bug on the other side.



Jumping spiders make silk ropes to lower themselves down from high places.



If you could jump like this spider, you would be able to leap from one end of a soccer field to the other!

ANIMAL TONGUE

Say each tongue twister three times. Then look at each animal's tongue. Use the clues to match each tongue twister to an animal.

THE ANSWERS ARE ON THE RIGHT.

1 Bites tree, licks bees.

BRANCH
OUT!



GIRAFFE

2 Uncurl, slurp, curl.

COLOR US
SURPRISED!



BLUE-TONGUED SKINK

3 Insects stick to its sticky tongue.

LINE UP,
ANTS!



PANGOLIN

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TWISTERS

4 This eater eats ants.

BUZZ!



SUN BEAR

SLURP AND BURP!



SPHINX MOTH

6 Blue flick means "Boo!"

5 Tongue tugs twigs in treetops.

STICK TO IT!



CHAMELEON

ANSWERS: 1. sun bear, 2. sphinx moth, 3. chameleon, 4. pangolin, 5. giraffe, 6. blue-tongued skink.

SPOT

THE OCELOT

Spots, stripes, and blobby shapes mark an ocelot's fur. The shapes and colors are pretty to see, but an ocelot does not want to be seen.

Ocelots live in the forest. They hunt on the ground and in the trees.

The fur pattern is different for each ocelot.

An ocelot
is about twice
the size of a
house cat.





They can run down trees headfirst, like a squirrel.

The fur helps them blend in with dark trees, the ground, and shadows. That makes it easier to sneak up on their food.

The fur also hides the ocelot from hungry animals when it's time for a nap. It curls up and blends in on a comfy branch.

Ocelots eat rats, mice, armadillos, monkeys, and sloths.



OTHER CATS WITH SPOTS

There are 38 kinds of wild cats. Many have spots. Here are a few.



RUSTY SPOTTED CAT



BLACK-FOOTED CAT



FISHING CAT



ONCILLA

PETE OXFORD / MINDEN PICTURES (IN TREE); I LOVE NATURE!—I LOVE BRAZIL! / GETTY IMAGES (SLEEPING); FELINEUS / SHUTTERSTOCK (RUSTY SPOTTED); TERRY WHITTAKER / NPL / MINDEN PICTURES (BLACK-FOOTED); ERIC BACCEGA / NPL / MINDEN PICTURES (FISHING); GERARD LACZ / FLPA / MINDEN PICTURES (ONCILLA)

INSIDE OUT

Look at each picture. Find all the pictures of animals **on top** of something. Then draw an x with your finger on the pictures of animals **inside** something.



RACCOONS



RED PANDA

PRAIRIE DOG



How many animals are **inside** something?



RED FOXES

How many animals are **on top** of something?



TURTLE



PELICAN



POLAR BEAR

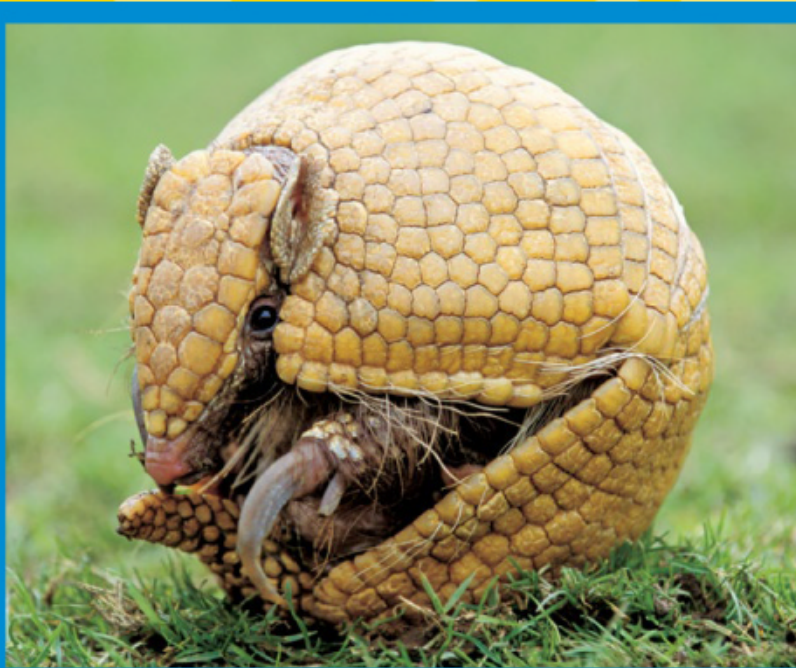


PIKA

AN ARMADILLO

1

An armadillo hides by rolling up into a ball. Its hard shell keeps it safe.



2

Now the danger has passed. The armadillo peeks out.



OPENS ITS SHELL



3

It unrolls its body and walks away.

SLOW-MOVING DINOSAUR

FACTS

FOOD
plants

SIZE



FIVE-YEAR-OLD

Minmi moved slowly. Its tough body was covered with hard armor. It even had armor that grew in the skin on its stomach.

Minmi had small, sharp teeth that it used to bite off the plants it ate.

SAY MY NAME: MIN-mee

Minmi probably swallowed fruits and seeds whole.

Many plants grew where *Minmi* lived.

ARMOR



FROM THE PAGES OF



TWO, FOUR, SIX,

Count the number of objects in each picture aloud. Then follow these directions.

When you find a group of **two**,
tap the group **twice**.

When you find a group of **four**,
wiggle **four** fingers.

When you find a group of **six**,
draw the number **six**.

When you find a group of **eight**,
clap **eight** times.

CARS



DOGS



BLOCKS



EIGHT!

COOKIES



SHOES



What kinds of colors can you name on this page?



CRAYONS

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WILD CARDS



GIANT PANDA

giant panda

FUN FACTS

**Giant pandas eat bamboo.
A panda can eat more than
20 pounds in a day. That's like
you eating 80 hamburgers.**



WILD CARDS



LANTERN FLY

lantern fly

FUN FACTS

This insect pokes its long, sharp mouth into trees and other plants. Then it drinks sap, the sugary juice found inside plants.



WILD CARDS



ORANGUTAN

orangutan

FUN FACTS

Orangutans use their long arms to climb trees and swing from branch to branch. They spend most of their time in trees.



WILD CARDS



humpback whale

FUN FACTS

A humpback whale can hold its breath for up to 20 minutes. It dives deep to find food. Female humpbacks are bigger than males.



WILD CARDS



COTTONTAIL RABBIT

cottontail rabbit

FUN FACTS

If an enemy such as a fox starts to chase a cottontail, the rabbit speeds away. It zigzags so fast that the rabbit is hard for the fox to catch.



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ROSEATE SPOONBILL

roseate spoonbill

FUN FACTS

As this bird dips its bill underwater, it swings its head back and forth. When it feels a fish, *snap*. Dinner!



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