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ANIMAL CARDS!**

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**Cute Baby
Crocodiles!**

Why?

Why do you think a serval has big ears?

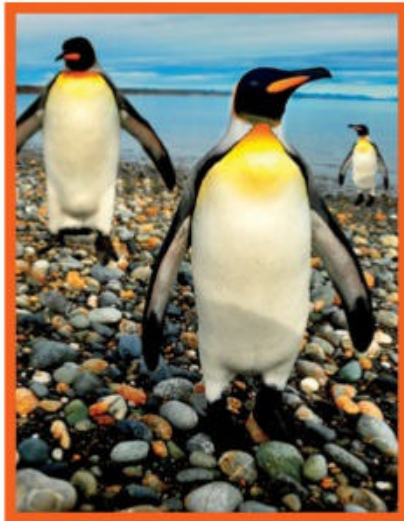
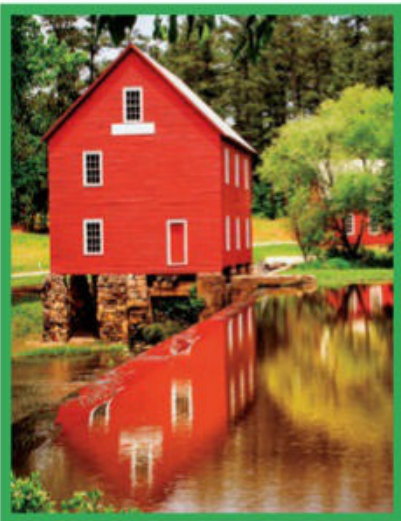
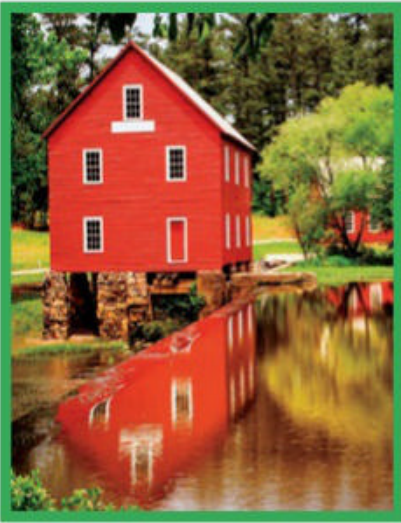


Big ears help a serval hear animals to eat. The ears twist to find where rats hide in the grass or underground. Then the wild cat pounces!

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 grasshopper mouse.

A grasshopper mouse can jump the length of a bed to escape a hungry snake.

This mouse makes a high-pitched howl to warn others to stay away.

It eats scorpions. The scorpion's sting does not hurt it.



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NAMING

What in the World Are These?



_ISH



_OCKS



_ROG



_RESENT



_EBRA



_WEATER



_ATERPILLAR



_ATERMELON



_EMUR

Name some other things with stripes.

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HERE COME BABY CROCS!

Chirp! Chirp!
Baby saltwater crocodiles call to their mother from inside their eggs. The chirps mean, “We are hatching!”

Mom digs into the grass-and-leaf nest to uncover the eggs.





A nest has about 50 eggs.



MOM

NEST

After they hatch, the mother gently picks up the babies with her mouth. She carries them to the water. They wiggle their heads and tails to swim.

HATCHLINGS



Hatchlings find their own food. They snap up insects and prawns.

Saltwater crocodiles live in rivers and salty water near the ocean.



A newly hatched crocodile is the length of an open copy of this magazine.



Young saltwater crocodiles stay close to their mother to stay safe. Sometimes the safest place is on top of her head!

COUNT DOWN

Count the number of things in each group. Then figure out how many you need to take away so only one is left.

TRY THIS! Use your finger to help. Cover one object in the group. Count how many are left. That is the answer!



Can you count all the things on this page? How high can you count?

TO ONE



DINOSAURS



BLUEBERRIES

How many yellow things can you count? How many blue things?



CANDY



COOKIES



Burrowing
owls are a little
taller than a
new pencil.



TINY OWLS STAND TALL

Many birds live mostly in trees. Burrowing owls live on the ground.

These owls move into holes in the ground left behind by foxes or other animals.



The birds sleep and lay their eggs inside these holes, called burrows. They are also a great place to hide.

To look for food, the owls stand outside on dirt mounds. They run or hop to catch bugs.

Burrowing owls also fly to catch insects. *Gulp!*



MEET MORE OWLS

There are more than 220 kinds of owls. Here are a few.



SNOWY OWL



BARN OWL



NORTHERN SAW-WHET OWL



CRESTED OWL

DIRECTIONS

ACT LIKE AN

Do you dance, sing, and clap? Animals do, too! Use the clues below to act like an animal.



Young bull sharks spin to swim faster and catch their food. **Spin like a bull shark.**



Gray seals clap their flippers to tell other seals they are nearby. **Clap your hands like a gray seal.**

Wood turtles stomp their feet so tasty worms wiggle up to the ground. Then they eat them. **Stomp your feet like a turtle.**



ANIMAL

Jumping spiders dance to show off to other spiders. Dance like a jumping spider.



Which animal do you think is the slowest? Which is the fastest?

Chickadees sing a song that sounds like their name: *chick-a-dee*. This tells others they have found food. Sing your name like a chickadee.



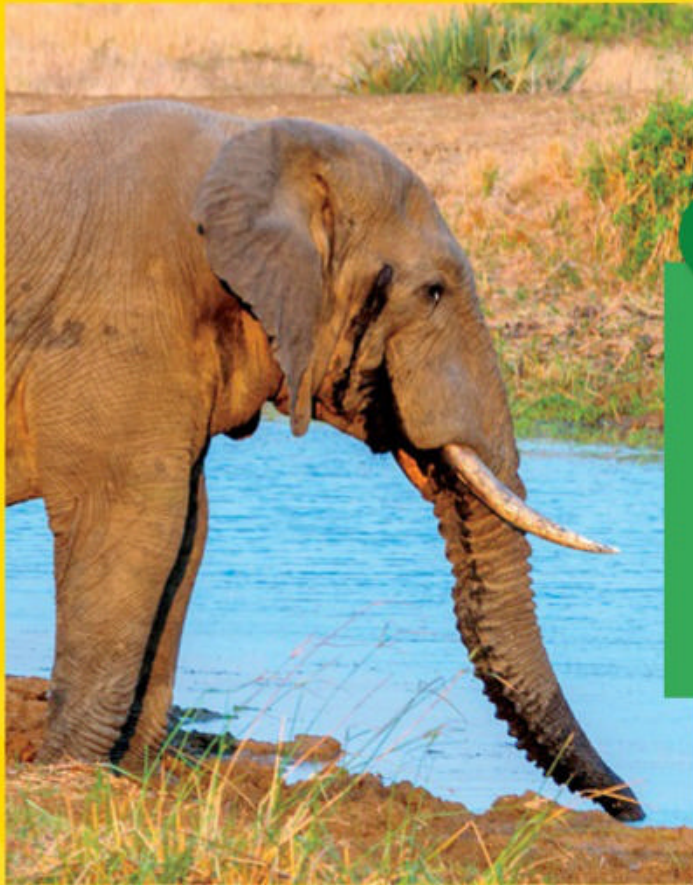
Elephants trumpet to tell others how they feel. Trumpet like an elephant.



AN ELEPHANT

1

A thirsty elephant needs water. It visits a water hole so it can get a drink.



2

The elephant dips its trunk into the water. It sucks water partway into its trunk.

DRINKS



3 Now the elephant squirts the water out of its trunk and into its mouth. Soon it is not thirsty anymore.

SAIL-NECK DINOSAUR

FACTS

FOOD
plants

SIZE



FIVE-YEAR-OLD

This dinosaur's long neck and back were decorated with what looked like a sail. Stiff spines held up *Amargasaurus's* sail.

No one knows for sure why *Amargasaurus* had the big sail. It might have scared away enemies.

SAY MY NAME: uh-MARG-uh-SOR-us

Some of the spines on the *Amargasaurus* were as tall as a 10-year-old kid.

SAIL

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FINDING FALL

Leaves change color in the fall. It is fun to sort fall leaves by their shape and color.

Count all the **red** leaves.

Draw a circle with your finger around the **oval** leaves.

Tap all the **yellow** leaves.

Clap when you find leaves that are very **wide**.



LEAVES



How many trees are outside your window?

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WILD CARDS



SCALLOPED HAMMERHEAD SHARK

scalloped hammerhead shark

FUN FACTS

This kind of shark lives in warm ocean waters. Its eyes are on the ends of its wide, narrow head. It hunts for food at night.



WILD CARDS



SQUIRREL MONKEY

squirrel monkey

FUN FACTS

Squirrel monkeys climb well. They live in rainforest trees. These monkeys eat mostly fruit, as well as some insects, seeds, and leaves.





YELLOW-COLLARED LOVEBIRDS

yellow-collared lovebirds

FUN FACTS

Pairs of male and female lovebirds stay together for life. They both take care of their chicks. These birds live in parts of Africa.



WILD CARDS



LARGE FLYING FOX

large flying fox

FUN FACTS

The large flying fox is a kind of bat. These bats eat flowers and fruit. They rest in trees, hanging upside down.



WILD CARDS



AFRICAN WILD DOG

African wild dog

FUN FACTS

Each wild dog's fur has a different pattern of colors. Wild dogs live in packs, or groups. A mother can have up to 20 pups at a time.



WILD CARDS



EURASIAN BADGER

Eurasian badger

FUN FACTS

Badgers have long claws for digging. They live underground where they dig tunnels and make nests lined with grass and leaves.



OBSERVATION

Critter Corner

What do you think this brown bear is doing?



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A. Swimming B. Eating C. Climbing

Answer: A

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