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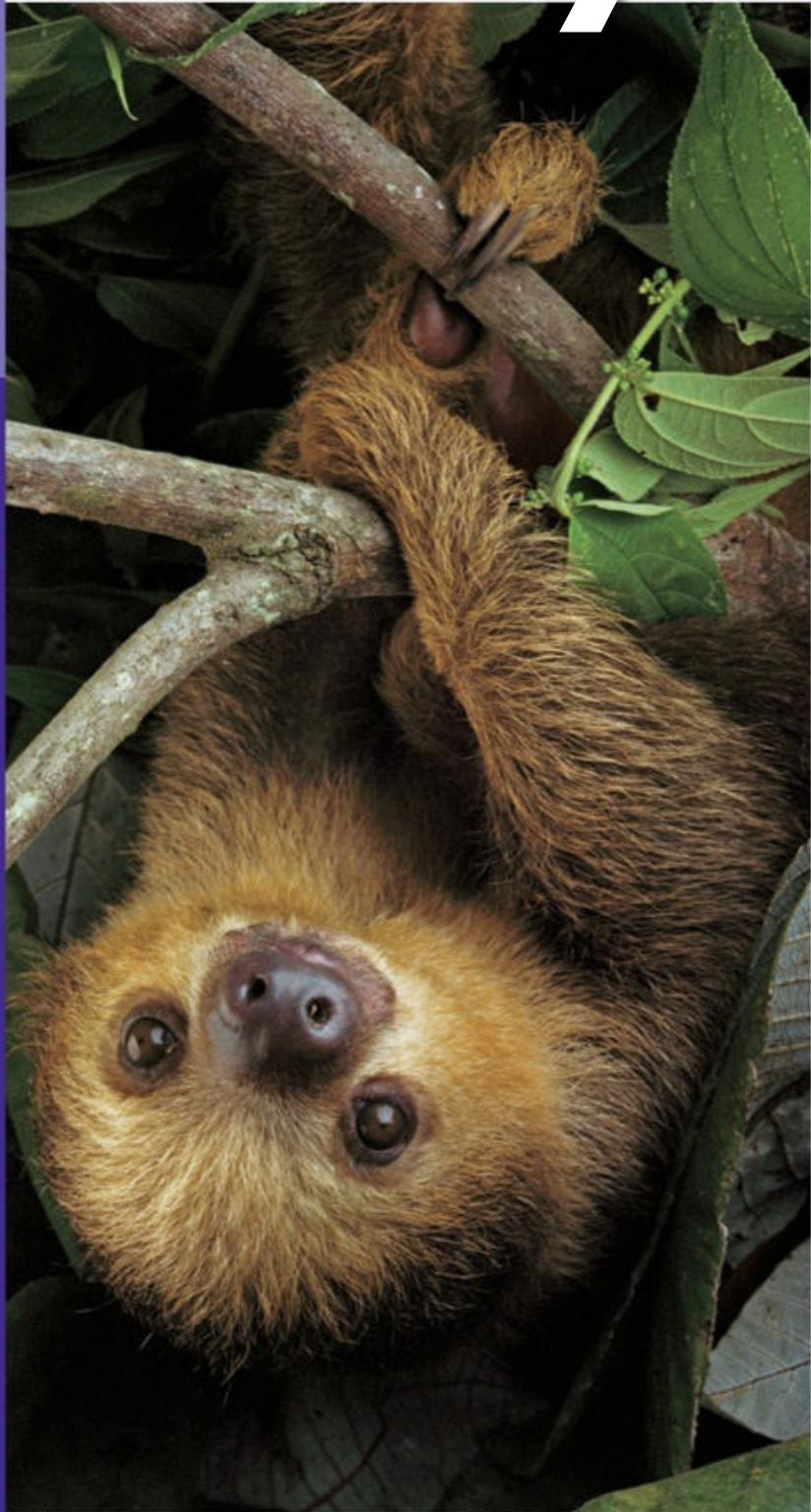


Snowy
Panda
Play!

Why?

Why do you think a sloth hangs upside down?

Sloths eat and sleep upside down. They use less energy when they hang instead of walk (like you do when you sit instead of run). This means they can eat less food and hide from hungry animals.



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.

NATURE

That's Cool!

This salamander lives in lakes and wetlands in only one place in the world.

Meet the axolotl.
Say: ACK-suh-LAH-tuhl



GILLS

If it is injured, it can regrow its legs, jaw, spine, heart, or parts of its brain.

It breathes underwater with its feathery gills as it hunts for bugs, tadpoles, worms, and fish.

NAMING

What in the World Are These?



_IRD



_LOWERS



_AR



_EAPOT



_AMERA



_ANDY



_EA STAR



_MBRELLA



_ELMUT

Name some other **blue** things.

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ANIMALS

PANDA FUN IN THE SNOW

Giant pandas live in forests in the mountains. They need to stay warm when it is cold and snowy.



To stay warm, panda moms and cubs sleep in dens, like a hollow log.





Mother pandas hold their babies nonstop for a month to keep them warm and safe.

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Thick, woolly fur keeps pandas warm and dry when they sleep in the snow. Furry feet keep them warm as they walk.

PANDA PAW





Pandas sometimes sit on the snow for a long time to eat. They crunch on a plant called bamboo. Eating a lot gives them energy to stay warm.



**EATING
BAMBOO**



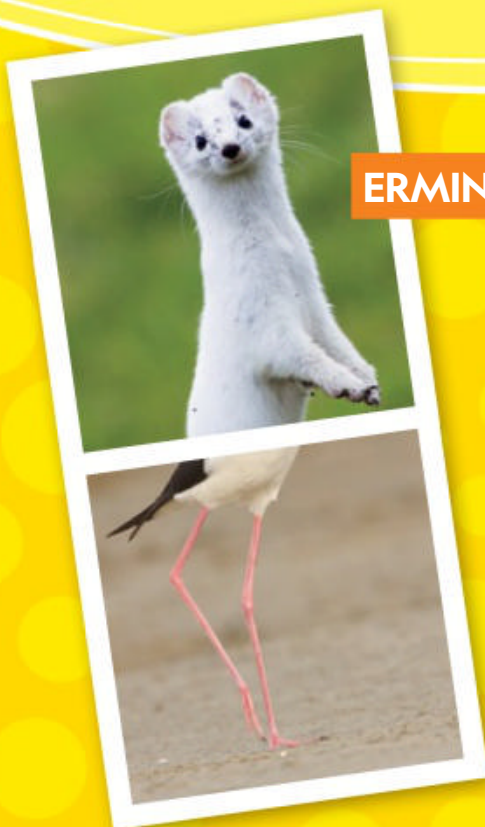
**A panda
eats 12 hours
a day. That is
half a day!**



The best part of living in snow is rolling like a fuzzy snowball!

TOPS AND BOTTOMS

The animals in these pictures are all mixed up—they have the wrong bottoms! Look at the top of each picture. Find the correct bottom that matches that animal.





TIGER



SQUIRREL



OKAPI



COMMON STILT



Which animal bottom would you like to pretend was part of your body?

'TALKING' WITH GUANACOS

Guanacos live in groups. They use their noses, tails, and ears to tell each other things.

Use your eyes to “listen” to these guanacos.

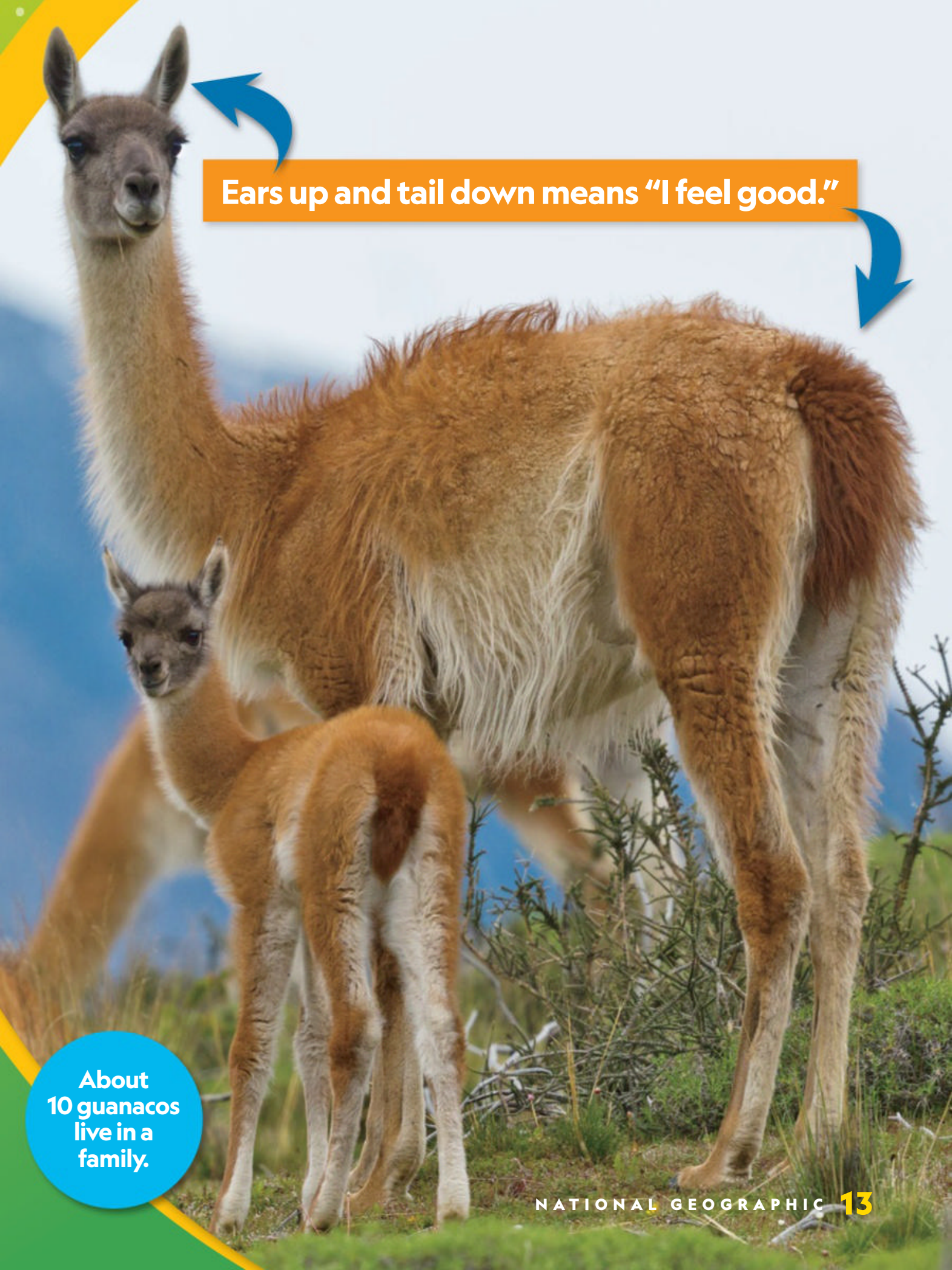
Say: gwah-NAH-koh

They eat grass, leaves, and other plants.

Touching noses means “Hello.”



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Ears up and tail down means "I feel good."

About
10 guanacos
live in a
family.



A tail that's straight out means "Hey, something is out there."

A tail that's straight up means "You are bugging me."



Flat ears mean "I mean it—leave me alone."



If a guanaco wants to say "You should have listened to me," it spits!

MORE CAMELS

Guanacos are part of the camel family. Meet the other animals in the family.



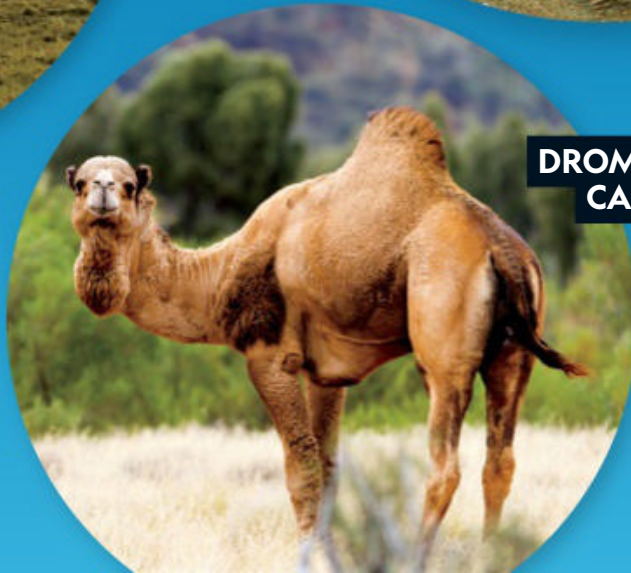
**BACTRIAN
CAMEL**



VICUÑA



LLAMA



**DROMEDARY
CAMEL**

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SILLY SOUNDS

Read each silly sentence aloud. What sound do you hear most in each sentence?

Say the name of each animal. Fill in the blank of each sentence with the animal that starts with the same sound.

A big _____ bounces on blue bubbles.

A crow counts a crowd of _____ .

The good _____ gulps goo.

Five frogs find fluffy _____ .

A happy _____ hugs a horse.

The loud _____ licks lemons.

A yellow _____ yells, "Yikes!"



BUMBLEBEE

FLOWERS





GORILLA



HIPPOPOTAMUS



CRABS



LEMUR



YAK

Can you name an animal that starts with the same letter as your name?

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A PENGUIN HATCHES

1

An emperor penguin mother lays an egg. She passes it to the father.



2

The father holds the egg on top of his feet. He keeps it warm under a pouch of skin.

3

In about two months, a penguin chick hatches. Its parents keep the little baby warm and fed until it grows up.

CHICK



STARS

On a clear night, you might see about 3,000 stars in the sky. But there are billions more that you cannot see.

Stars create energy that makes them shine. They are made of hot gases.

Stars have different temperatures. The hottest stars are blue. The coolest stars are red. Yellow stars, like Earth's sun, have a temperature between blue and red stars.

Can you
draw and color
a star of each
temperature?

HOT STAR

COOL STAR

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HEAVY AND

Look at the pictures. Some are **light**—you could pick them up with one hand. Others are too **heavy** to pick up at all!

Draw a circle with your finger around all the **light** things. Draw an x through all the **heavy** things.



CASSOWARY



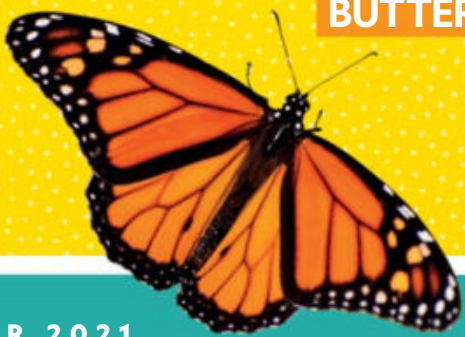
FEATHER



DIME



BUTTERFLY



LIGHT



LOG

Are you light or heavy?



BUBBLES



FIRE TRUCK

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WILD CARDS



HARP SEAL

harp seal

FUN FACTS

Harp seal babies like this one are called pups. Harp seal pups are born with yellow fur. Their fur turns white after a few days.



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RED-NECKED PADEMELON

red-necked pademelon

FUN FACTS

This kind of pademelon lives in forests. It carries its baby in a pouch like a kangaroo. Pademelons eat grass, leaves, fruit, and bark.



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SPOTTED PORCUPINE FISH

spotted porcupine fish

FUN FACTS

A porcupine fish puffs up like a balloon and sticks out spines that are on its body. That way enemies won't eat it.



WILD CARDS



EUROPEAN BEE-EATER

European bee-eater

FUN FACTS

These birds eat bees and other insects. Bee-eaters dig burrows, or holes, and build their nests inside.



WILD CARDS



JAGUAR

jaguar

FUN FACTS

Jaguars have spots that help them hide in the forest. They use their strong jaws to catch the animals they hunt.



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EUROPEAN MOUFLON

European mouflon

FUN FACTS

A mouflon is a kind of sheep. Male mouflons, called rams, have big, curved horns. Mouflons grow thick, warm coats in the winter.



OBSERVATION

Hide-and-Seek

Can you find the snow leopards in this picture?



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