

Mammal Scavenger Hunt Activity



Materials:

Mammal questions worksheet (pages 2-3),
18 mammal fact cards (pages 4-8),
scissors and scotch tape

Preparation

Print the fact cards and cut them apart.

Make copies of the mammal questions worksheet (2-sided). Each student will need his or her own copy.

Hide all 18 mammal fact cards around your classroom where students will be able to find them. You can put them on the back of your classroom door, on chairs, on the computer keyboard, on the sides of student desks, or wherever you like.

Activity

Students receive copies of the question worksheet. They have to search the classroom to find the fact cards to answer the questions.

After they have completed the question sheet, you can go over the answers together with the class.

Management tips

You may want to make this a silent activity so students don't share answers with each other. You can have the kids work by themselves or with partners.

Don't be afraid to hide the facts in tough places. Kids think it's more fun when they have to search around a little.

Examples of good hiding spots might include:

- sticking out of a book, like a bookmark
- the back of the classroom door
- lying flat on the bookshelf
- on the back of the teacher's chair
- on the side of your computer monitor

Have a plan for students who finish early. You may want to have an assignment for them to complete when they're done, or you may have them help other students find fact cards.

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Fact Card 1: How far away can a tiger's roar be heard?

Fact Card 2: What color is a polar bear's skin?

Fact Card 3: What is the lightest species of mammal?

Fact Card 4: Does a bat have hair or feathers?

Fact Card 5: What body part does a dolphin use to breathe air?

Fact Card 6: Kangaroos, koalas, and possums all belong to what mammal group?

Fact Card 7: What is the largest animal in the world?

Fact Card 8: There are only two mammal species that lay eggs. Name them.

Fact Card 9: What is a baby horse called?

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Fact Card 10: What land animal has the largest brain?

Fact Card 11: Name three things scientists have taught chimpanzees to do.

Fact Card 12: How many vocal sounds can a cat make?

Fact Card 13: How much sleep does a giraffe need?

Fact Card 14: What species of dog was Zeus, the tallest dog in the world?

Fact Card 15: What's unusual about a rodent's teeth?

Fact Card 16: What does warm-blooded mean?

Fact Card 17: How do a zebra's stripes help to protect it from predators?

Fact Card 18: Do skunks have stripes or spots?



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Fact Card

1



Most tigers have about 100 stripes. No two tigers have the same stripe pattern. A tiger's roar is so loud that it can be heard more than a mile away.

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Fact Card

2



Polar bears appear white because of their thick hair. Below their furry coat, their skin is actually black.

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Fact Card

3



The lightest mammal is the Etruscan shrew. It is a tiny rodent that looks a little like a miniature mouse. It weighs only 1.8 grams - even less than a paperclip.

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Fact Card

4



A bat is a mammal, not a bird. It has hair, not feathers. It does not have a beak or bill. Its babies are born alive, not from eggs.



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Fact Card

5



A dolphin cannot breathe through its mouth. It has a blowhole on top of its head for breathing.

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Fact Card

6

Marsupials are mammals that have a pouch for carrying their young. They include kangaroos, koalas, and possums.



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Fact Card

7



The largest animal in the world is the blue whale. It grows over 100 feet long. A blue whale's tongue is as heavy as an elephant and its heart is about the size of a small automobile.

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Fact Card

8



Mammals usually don't lay eggs. Their babies are born alive. There are only two species of egg laying mammals on the earth today. They are the platypus and the spiny anteater.



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Fact Card

9



A male horse is called a stallion.
A female horse is called a mare.
A baby horse is a foal. A young female horse is called a filly.

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Fact Card

10

Elephants have large ears, but poor hearing. They also have poor eyesight compared to most other mammals. Elephants are very intelligent. They have the largest brain of any land animal.



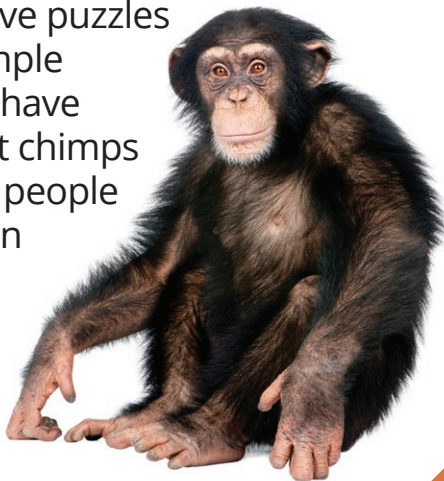
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Fact Card

11

Chimpanzees are extremely intelligent. Scientists have taught them to solve puzzles and use simple tools. They have even taught chimps to talk with people through sign language.



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Fact Card

12

Cats can make over 100 vocal sounds. Dogs, on average, can make only 10 different sounds.





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Fact Card

13



A giraffe sleeps less than any other mammal. It needs less than two hours of sleep per day.

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Fact Card

14

According to the *Guinness Book of World Records*, the tallest dog in the world was a Great Dane named Zeus. When he stands on all four legs, he measures 42.2 inches tall. When he stands on his hind legs he is nearly seven feet tall.



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Fact Card

15



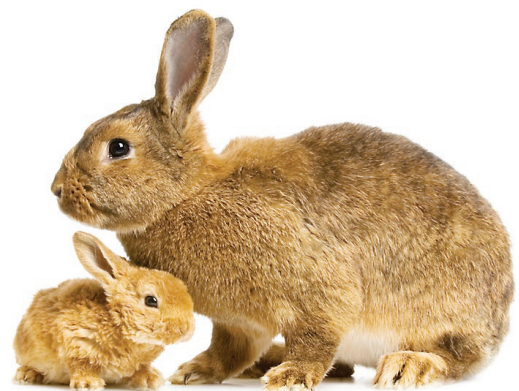
Rodents are a group of mammals that includes rats, squirrels, beavers, and mice. A rodent's teeth never stop growing. They need to chew things to keep their teeth from getting too long.

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Fact Card

16



Mammals are warm-blooded. This means they make their own heat.



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Fact Card

17

A zebra's stripes help it to blend into the background so other animals cannot see it. Since lions and other predators of the zebra are colorblind, they have trouble seeing zebras standing in tall grassy areas.



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Fact Card

18

Skunks often have white stripes. There are also skunks that are black with white spots.



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hair

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blowhole

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marsupials

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spiny anteater and platypus

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foal

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elephants

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use simple tools, solve puzzles, and communicate with sign language

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over 100 vocal sounds

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less than two hours a day

Fact Card 14: What species of dog was Zeus, the tallest dog in the world?

Great Dane

Fact Card 15: What's unusual about a rodent's teeth?

They keep growing throughout a rodent's life and it needs to chew to file them down.

Fact Card 16: What does warm-blooded mean?

warm-blooded animal's body makes its own heat

Fact Card 17: How do a zebra's stripes help to protect it from predators?

stripes help zebras to blend into grassy surroundings so predators cannot see them

Fact Card 18: Do skunks have stripes or spots?

both
