Mammal Scavenger Hunt Activity

Materials: Mammal questions worksheet (pages 2-3)
18 Mammal fact cards (pages 4-8)
Tape and scissors

Preparation: Print the fact cards on card stock or brightly-colored paper and cut them apart along the dotted lines.

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

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

Activity: Students receive a copy of the question worksheet. They have to search the room and find all of 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 alone or with a classmate.

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:
• the back of the classroom door
• laying flat on the bookshelf
• on the side of your computer monitor
• sticking out of a book, like a bookmark

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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Mammals Scavenger Hunt

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 the 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?
Fact Card #10: What land animal has the largest brain?
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Fact Card #11: Name 3 things scientists have taught chimpanzees to do.
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Fact Card #12: How many vocal sounds can a cat make?
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Fact Card #13: How much sleep does a giraffe need?
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Fact Card #14: What species of dog was Zeus, the tallest dog in the world?
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Fact Card #15: What's unusual about a rodent's teeth?
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Fact Card #16: What does warm-blooded mean?
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Fact Card #17: How do a zebra's stripes help to protect it from predators?
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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 it's 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 earth today. They are the platypus and the spiny anteater.
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.

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!

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!

Cats can make over 100 vocal sounds. Dogs, on average, can make only 10 different sounds.
**Fact Card #13**

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

**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 7 feet tall!

**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 on things to keep their teeth from getting too long.

**Fact Card #16**

Mammals are warm-blooded. This means they make their own heat.
A zebra's stripes help it to blend in to 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.

Skunks are often black with white stripes. There are also skunks that are black with white spots!
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A tiger’s roar can be heard over a mile away.

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

A polar bear’s skin is black.

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

The lightest mammal is the Etruscan shrew.

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

A bat has hair.

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

A dolphin breathes through a blowhole.

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

They are all marsupials.

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

The blue whale is the largest animal in the world.

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

The spiny anteater and the platypus both lay eggs.

Fact Card #9: What is a baby horse called?

A baby horse is a foal.
Fact Card #10: What land animal has the largest brain?

Elephants have the largest brain of any land animal.

Fact Card #11: Name 3 things scientists have taught chimpanzees to do.

Chimps can use simple tools, solve puzzles, and communicate with sign language.

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

A cat can make over 100 vocal sounds.

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

A giraffe sleeps less than two hours per day.

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

Zeus was a Great Dane.

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

They keep growing throughout its life. It needs to chew to file them down.

Fact Card #16: What does warm-blooded mean?

A warm-blooded animal's body makes its own heat.

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

The strips help it to blend into a grassy surrounding so predators cannot see it.

Fact Card #18: Do skunks have stripes or spots?

Both! They can have either stripes or spots!