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Fabulous Feet

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1. a. different kinds of animal feet
b. webbed feet
c. the difference between webbed feet and non-webbed feet

2. How do polar bears use their webbed feet?

3. What are two ways that furry feet can help animals?

4. Which kind of feet are not discussed in the article?

a. talons b. webbed feet c. claws d. flippers

5. What does **hind** mean?

a. back b. front c. middle d. large

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