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ANIMAL CARDS!



# Big Green Moths

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# Why?

Why do you think mother tigers lick their cubs?

Tiger cubs like to snuggle with their mother.



A tiger mom licks her cub with her scratchy tongue to give the cub a bath.

## 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 blue-spotted stingray.

Stingrays are a kind of fish. They flap their fins up and down to swim.

FIN

EYE

Blue spotted stingrays eat shrimp, crabs, and fish.

This shy stingray lives in coral reefs. Coral reefs are in oceans.

## NAMING

# What in the World Are These?



\_NT



\_UMMINGBIRD



\_ONKEY



\_OUCAN



\_AGUAR



\_UTTERFLY



\_LOTH



\_NAKE



\_ROG

NAME SOME OTHER JUNGLE ANIMALS.



ANIMALS

# BUSY LUNA MOTHS

Luna moths are busy at night. The females fly from tree to tree, laying eggs.

PLAY A

**BUG GAME!**

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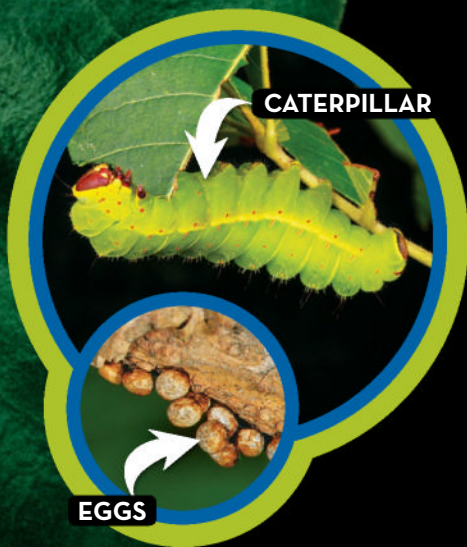




It gets  
its name from  
the moon-shaped  
spots on its wings.  
*Luna* means  
“moon.”

This moth  
is as big as a  
grown-up's  
hand.

Baby moths, called  
caterpillars, hatch  
from the eggs. A  
caterpillar eats  
and eats. It grows  
and grows.



Luna moth caterpillars eat leaves from walnut, hickory, sweet gum, and other trees.



Soon the caterpillar spins a cocoon around its body. The cocoon falls to the ground, where it blends in with fallen leaves.

Inside the cocoon, the caterpillar changes into a luna moth.







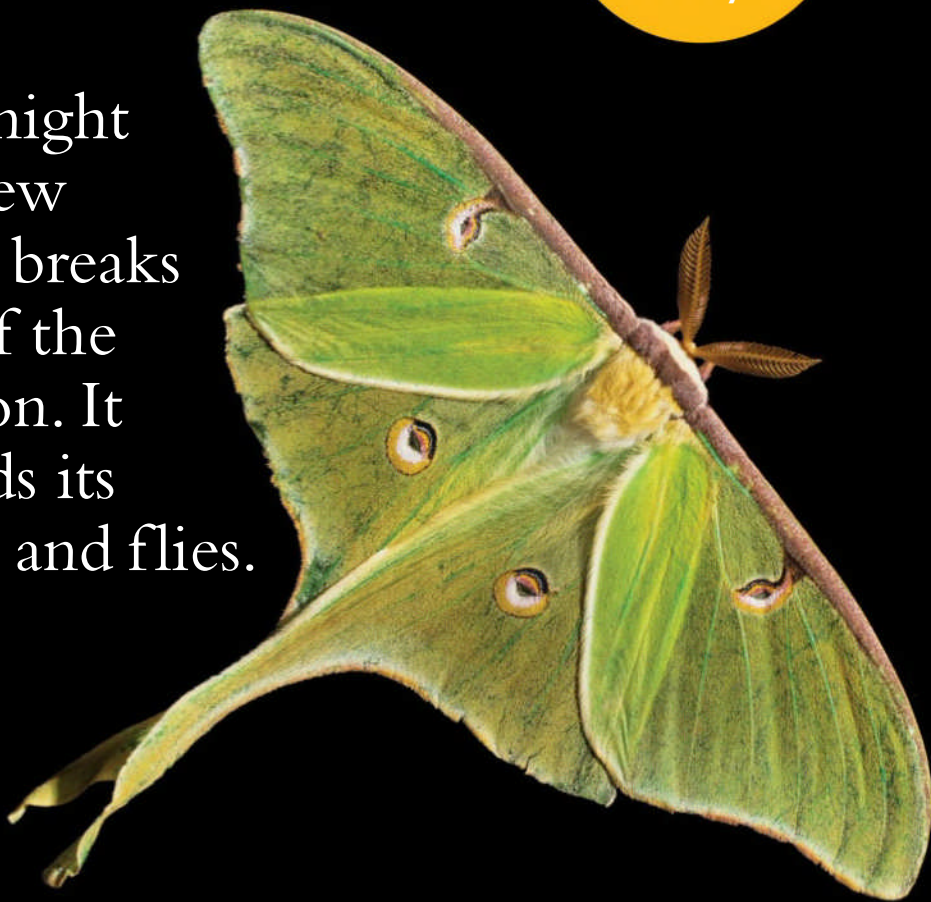
**BREAKING OUT**



**DRYING**

Newly hatched moths have to wait until their wings dry before they can fly.

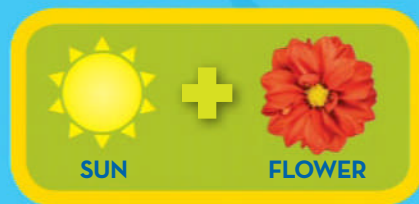
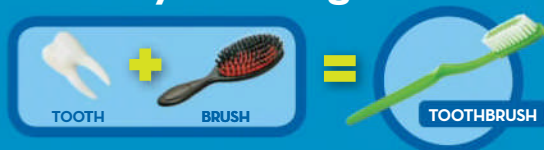
One night the new moth breaks out of the cocoon. It spreads its wings and flies.



# WORD PICT

Say the name of both pictures in each box.  
Draw a line with your finger to the picture  
of the new word they make together.

Example:



## A monarch butterfly with orange and black wings, set against a circular background of yellow and orange.



**FOOTBALL**

## FOOTBALL

## What new word is used in a game?



# BIRDHOUSE

**Which new word names an insect?**



# SUNFLOWER



# JELLYFISH



ANIMALS

PLAYFUL


JACKAL

PUPS

Black-backed jackal pups climb out of their burrow. They play while their older brother or sister keeps watch.



The pups chase each other. They dig. They chew on things.



Jackal pups  
like to wrestle  
and snuggle  
together.



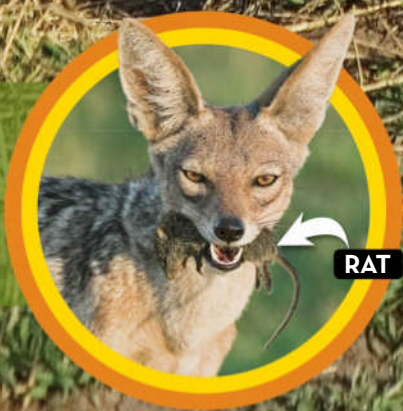


Pups also practice yapping. That is one way jackals call to each other.

A jackal family includes the mother, father, pups, and an older brother or sister.



Mom is back with food. Yum.



RAT



# JACKAL

## RELATIVES

Jackals are part of the dog family, called canids. Meet some other canids.



**RACCOON DOG**



**BUSH DOG**



**DHOLE**



**COYOTE**

## MATCHING

# MIX AND MATCH

The tops and bottoms of the animals in these boxes are mixed up.

Draw a line with your finger from the top part of each animal to the bottom part that goes with that animal.

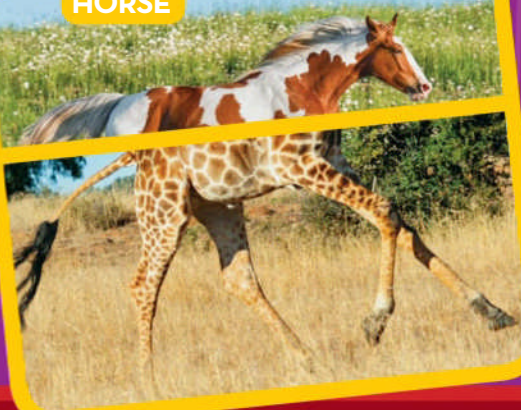
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SIFAKA



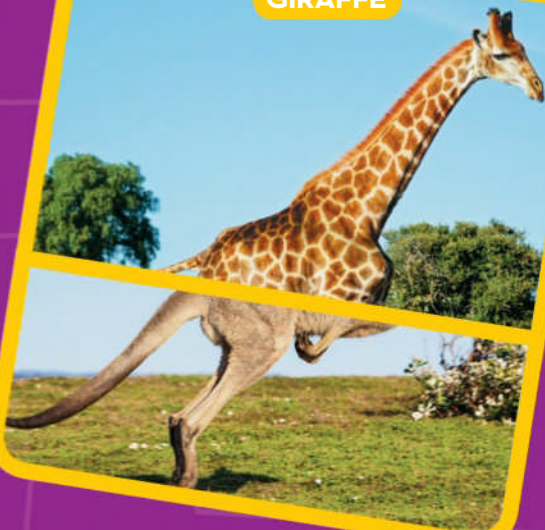
HORSE



# TCH

Name  
the animals  
on these  
pages.

GIRAFFE



BEAR



How many  
of these  
animals have  
four legs?

KANGAROO



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# A SEA OTTER DIVES FOR FOOD



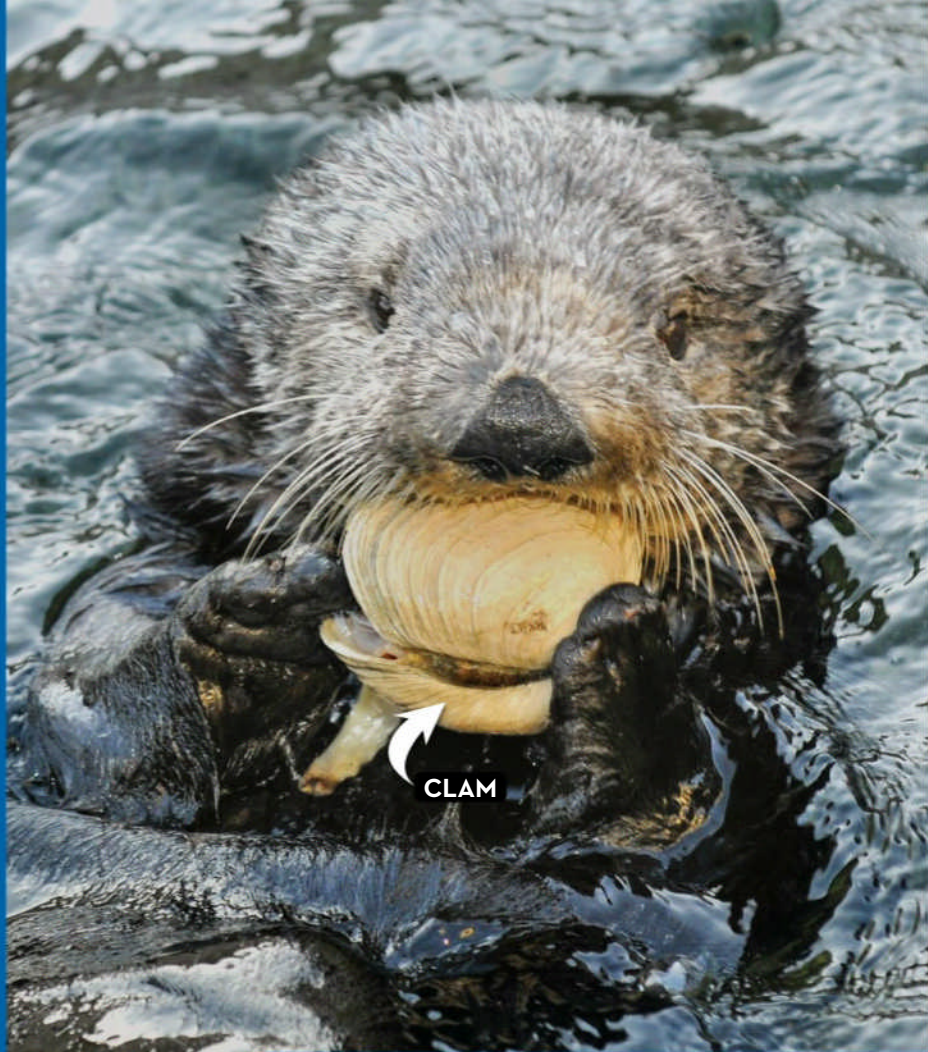
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Sea otters live in the ocean. They eat clams, mussels, and sea urchins.

2

The otter dives to look for food on the ocean floor. Then it carries the food back up.





3

This sea otter found a clam. Its strong teeth break open the clam's hard shell. Then the otter eats the meat inside.

# WINGED Dinosaur

## FACTS

### FOOD

meat

### SIZE

This shows how big *Scansoriopteryx* was.

FIVE-YEAR-OLD



*Scansoriopteryx* had feathers and could glide. It had long fingers with strong claws. The claws helped it climb trees.

Up in the treetops, this dinosaur could hunt for insects to eat.

SAY MY NAME: SCAN-sore-ee-OP-tore-icks



CLAWS

INSECT

This dinosaur may have used its claws to pull out bugs from under tree bark.

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## IDENTIFYING

# WHAT'S IN THE G

Point to all the things you might find in a garden.  
Which things do not belong in a garden?



CUPCAKE



HOSE



BALLOON



TROWEL



LADYBUG



TOY



WATERING CAN

Find a tool used for digging.



# ARDEN?

PIGGY BANK

SNAIL

FLOWER

SEA STAR

PINKYONE / SHUTTERSTOCK (SOL), AFRICA STUDIO / SHUTTERSTOCK (CUPCAKE), MIKE FLIPPO / SHUTTERSTOCK (HOSE), S-HIT / SHUTTERSTOCK (BANK), DESIGN66 / SHUTTERSTOCK (CROWELL), LINK-K / SHUTTERSTOCK (BUG), THOQUO / SHUTTERSTOCK (BALLOON), ALEXANDAR DICKOV / SHUTTERSTOCK (SMALL), PETER VANCIO / SHUTTERSTOCK (TOY), VALLAWLESS / SHUTTERSTOCK (WATERING CAN), QUANG HO / SHUTTERSTOCK (FLOWER), PETER / SHUTTERSTOCK (SEA STAR), © ROBERT THOMPSON / NPL / MINGEN PICTURES (COVER)

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# WILD CARDS



**BAT-EARED FOX**

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# bat-eared fox

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## **FUN FACTS**

**Bat-eared foxes eat insects.  
The little fox uses its big ears  
to listen for insects moving  
in the grass.**

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# WILD CARDS



WILD BOAR



# wild boar

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## **FUN FACTS**

**Wild boars belong to the pig family. Baby boars usually have several brothers and sisters that are born at the same time.**

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**SADDLE-BILLED STORK**



# saddle-billed stork

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## **FUN FACTS**

**Saddle-billed storks are very tall birds. They grow to be about five feet tall. That is much taller than most four-year-old kids.**

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# oncilla

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## **FUN FACTS**

**This wild cat is small. An adult weighs about the same as a tiny newborn human baby.**

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# WILD CARDS



**GREAT CRESTED NEWT**

# great crested newt

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## **FUN FACTS**

**Newts live near water such as streams and ponds. Great crested newts lay their eggs in the water.**

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**HEAVYBEAK PARROTFISH**

# heavybeak parrotfish

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## **FUN FACTS**

**This fish lives in coral reefs in the ocean. The parrotfish has strong teeth that grow together and form the shape of a beak.**

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**OBSERVATION**

# Hide-and-Seek

Can you find the grasshopper in this picture?



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