

OBSERVATION

Critter Corner

What do you think this coyote cub is doing?



A. Sniffing B. Watching TV C. Waiting for a friend

Answer: A

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Puffins!

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Why?

Why do you think
squirrels hide nuts?



Squirrels hide nuts so they will have food in winter. They hide the nuts so other animals cannot find the food.

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!

Meet the Alpine ibex (SAY: EYE-beks).

An ibex is a kind of wild goat. It lives high in the mountains.

An adult ibex's horn is longer than your arm.

It climbs and jumps from rock to rock to find grass and leaves to eat.

NAMING

What in the World Are These?



_LOCK



_ENNY



_IE



_PIDERWEB



_INEAPPLE



_EREAL



_IZZA



_AMSTER WHEEL



_ERRIS WHEEL

NAME SOME OTHER THINGS THAT ARE ROUND.

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ANIMALS

HUNGRY PUFFINS

Puffins are birds that spend most of their life at sea. They dive into the water to catch fish to eat.

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PUFFINS!

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FISH

A puffin
can hold a
lot of fish
in its beak.



Baby puffins are called pufflings. Both Mom and Dad take care of their puffling. They catch fish for it.

A puffin can hold its breath up to a minute when it dives.



Puffins can fly as fast as a car on a highway.

The puffin parents drop the fish near the puffling. They go catch more while the hungry puffling eats.



A puffin parent makes more than 250 dives a day to catch fish for its puffling.

Puffins grow up fast. At two months old, they fly out to sea alone. They dive and catch their own fish.



SAME BUT D

Some words sound the same but mean different things.

Point to each picture below. Say its name aloud. Then draw a line with your finger to the picture that sounds the same.

Example:

SEE



SEA



PEAR



FLOWER

DOE



DIFFERENT



DOUGH



HARE



PAIR



HAIR



FLOUR

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ANIMALS

RING-TAILED

LEMURS



Ring-tailed lemurs live in groups called troops. Troop members do everything together.

Ring-tailed lemurs bark, click, chirp, howl, meow, and purr to talk with each other.



The lemurs hold their tails high. That helps them see each other as they travel through the forest.



Up to 30
ring-tailed
lemurs live in
a troop.

They stretch
out together to
warm up in the
sun. They search
for food together.

They eat
leaves, fruit,
wood, bugs,
and birds.

Between meals,
the lemurs
wrestle and
chase each
other. In the
evening, they
cuddle together
in a tree and
fall asleep.



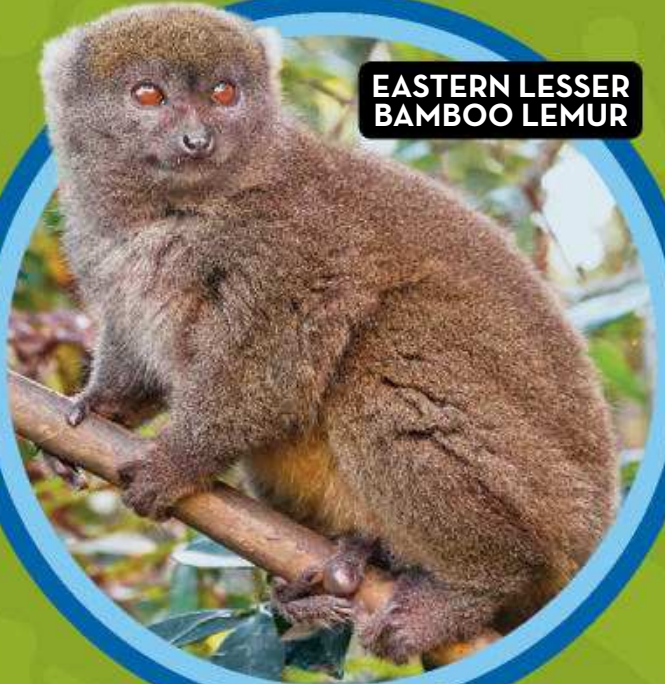
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LEMURS



RED RUFFED LEMUR

There are more than a hundred kinds of lemurs. Here are a few.



EASTERN LESSER BAMBOO LEMUR



FAT-TAILED DWARF LEMUR



BLACK-AND-WHITE RUFFED LEMUR

IDENTIFYING

BALLOON

Look at each balloon animal. Then look at each real animal. Draw a line with your finger from the balloon animal to the real animal it matches.



DOLPHIN



RABBIT



BUDDIES

CRAB



Which two
animals live in
the water?

COCKATOO



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A PUMPKIN

1

Pumpkins start as seeds. The seeds are planted in the spring.



2

A tiny pumpkin vine pops out of the ground. Leaves appear as the vine grows.

GROWS



3

The pumpkin plant begins to flower. Then the flowers turn into little green pumpkins.



4

In the fall, the pumpkins turn orange. They are ready to pick to make a pie or carve a jack-o'-lantern.



SPIKE-HANDED Dinosaur

FACTS

FOOD

plants

SIZE

This shows how big
Iguanodon was.




FIVE-YEAR-OLD

Iguanodon had spikes on its hands. The spikes were where thumbs would be on a person's hand.

This giant dinosaur may have used its “thumbs” to protect itself from predators.

SAY MY NAME: ig-WAN-oh-don

A detailed illustration of an Iguanodon dinosaur's head and hand. The dinosaur has green, scaly skin and a large, yellow eye. Its mouth is open, showing a pink tongue and a large, flat, toothless beak. A small, sharp, brown spike is visible on the side of its head. The dinosaur's hand is shown with three large, flat, oval-shaped fingers and a long, thin little finger. The background is a lush jungle with green leaves and pink flowers.

Iguanodon
had three strong
fingers and a long
little finger.

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COUNTING

READY, SET, GO!

Count how many wheels are on each vehicle. Match the number of wheels to the number in the circles.

OFF-ROAD VEHICLE



WAGON

2



SCOOTER

3



UNICYCLE

1

Which of these vehicles would you like to ride?



TRICYCLE

4

Can you count
all the wheels on
these pages?



BICYCLE



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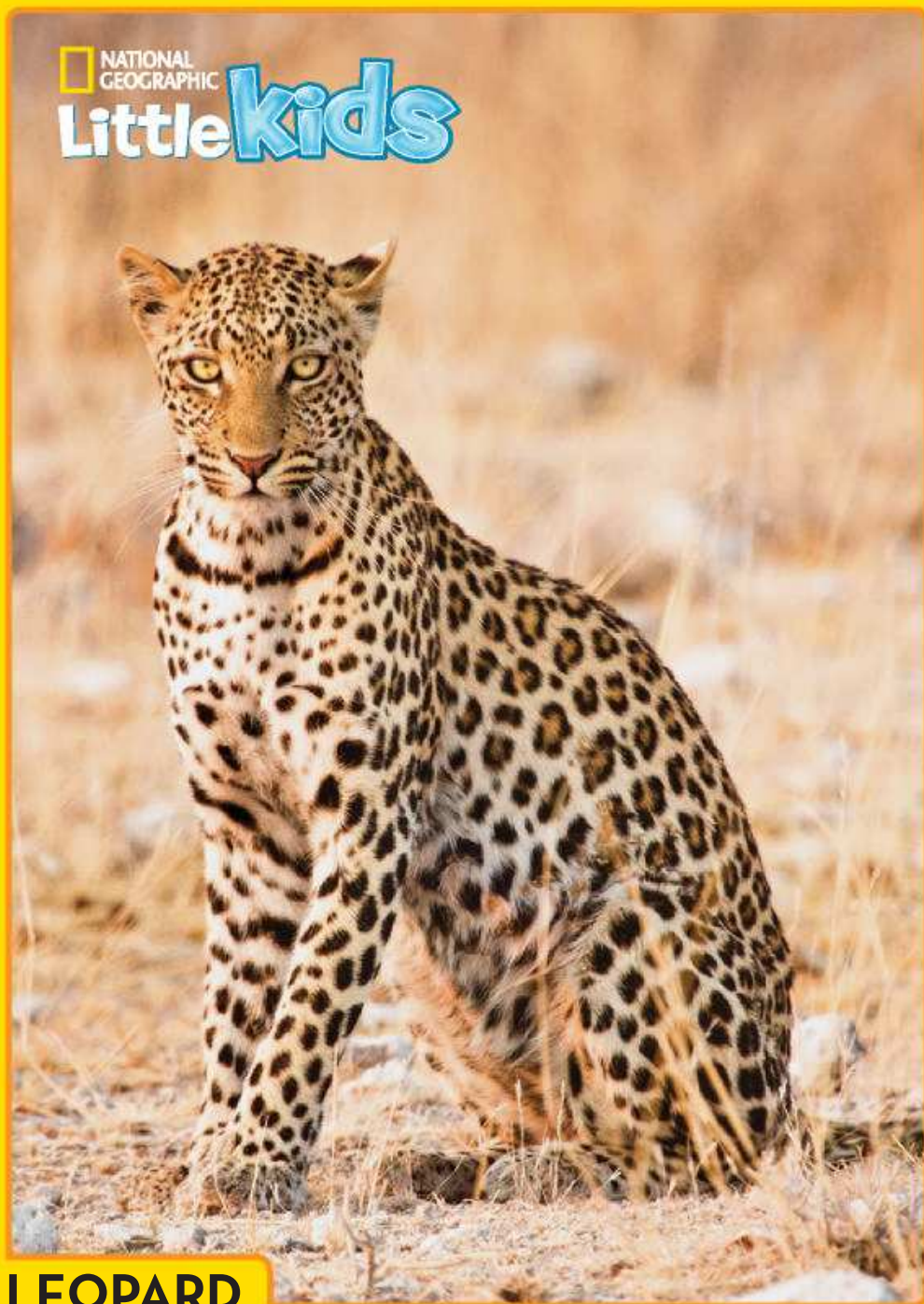
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LEOPARD

leopard

FUN FACTS

Other animals often try to steal a leopard's meal. Leopards carry food up into a tree to keep it safe from animals that do not climb.



WILD CARDS



OAHU TREE SNAIL

Oahu tree snail

FUN FACTS

These tree snails live only in Hawaii on an island called Oahu. The snails are about as long as the two words in red above.



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WILD CARDS



QUOLL

quoll

FUN FACTS

Like a kangaroo, a baby quoll grows in its mother's pouch. A quoll is ready to live on its own by the time it's just five months old.



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MANDARIN DUCKS

mandarin ducks

FUN FACTS

**In the spring, a male
mandarin duck is very colorful.
His beautiful feathers help
attract a mate.**



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JAPANESE MACAQUE

Japanese macaque

FUN FACTS

These monkeys are often called snow monkeys. They live in parts of Japan where winters are cold and snowy.



WILD CARDS



WHITETIP REEF SHARK

whitetip reef shark

FUN FACTS

This shark is named for the white spots on its fins. Whitetip reef sharks live in warm ocean waters, usually in a coral reef.



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