

**OBSERVATION**

# Hide-and-Seek

Can you find the owl in this picture?



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## Lynx in Snow



# Why?

**Why do you think some birds fly away in winter?**



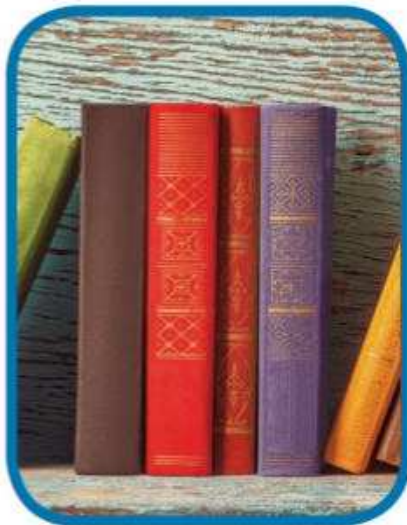
When the weather turns cold, some birds fly to a warmer place where they can find more food. They return when the cold weather is over.



## 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 lowland streaked tenrec.

Tenrecs  
use their  
sharp quills  
to protect  
themselves.

They  
sniff under  
leaves to find  
earthworms  
to eat.

**QUILL**

A lowland streaked tenrec is shown in profile, facing right. It has a long, pointed snout and a body covered in dark brown and tan striped quills. It is standing on a rough, grey rock. The background is a blurred green forest.

A tenrec  
rubs its quills  
together to make  
sounds so it can  
“talk” with other  
tenrecs.



## NAMING

# What in the World Are These?



\_OLL



\_LOCKS



\_RUCK



\_UZZLE



\_UBBER DUCK



\_ALLS



\_RAYONS



\_RICYCLE



\_OCKING HORSE

NAME SOME TOYS YOU LIKE TO PLAY WITH.

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ANIMALS

# SNEAKY LYNX

Lynx are wild cats that live in woods and forests. They have to be sneaky to find food.



These cats are not as fast as the deer and other animals they hunt. To catch them, a lynx hides and then surprises its prey.





Some  
lynx have  
spots. Some lynx  
have stripes.  
Some have  
both.



**SUMMER COAT**

A lynx blends  
in with the  
winter snow or  
the dark woods.





When a deer comes close,  
the lynx pounces on the  
surprised animal.

A lynx  
hunts animals  
bigger than  
it is.

Except  
for mothers  
with cubs, lynx  
live and hunt  
alone.



The tufts  
on a lynx's  
ears help it  
hear.

TUFT



Now it is  
dinnertime  
for the lynx  
and her cub.



## OPPOSITES

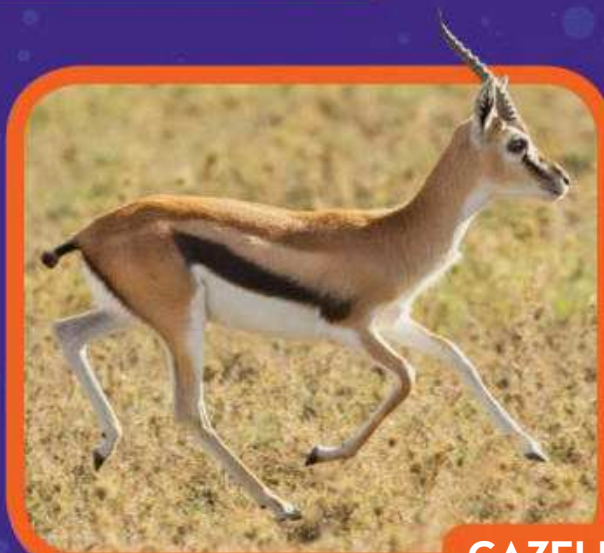
# FAST OR

Some animals move fast. Some move slowly. Draw a circle with your finger around each slow animal. Tap all the fast animals as quickly as you can.

CHEETAH



SLOTH



GAZELLE



# SLOW



SNAIL



OSTRICH



TORTOISE




KOALA

How many of these animals have shells?



## ANIMALS

A large walrus with prominent tusks and a baby walrus resting on snow. The large walrus is in the foreground, looking towards the right. The baby walrus is resting its head against the large walrus's side. The background shows a snowy landscape under a blue sky.

TUSK

A baby walrus starts to grow tusks when it is about four months old.



# WALRUSES!

A walrus has whiskers and tusks on its head. It uses both things to survive.



WHISKERS

A walrus has 400 to 700 whiskers on its face.

**NOW  
SHOWING!**

**WALRUS  
VIDEO**

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Whiskers help a walrus feel things, like you use your fingertips. It wiggles its whiskers through the sand to search for food.



Walruses use their tusks to climb out of the water. They hook their tusks onto the ice and pull their bodies up.

Walruses live where it is so cold that ice covers the ocean.



Tusks can be as long as a three-year-old child.



TUSKS

Tusks also protect walruses from hungry polar bears.



# MORE MARINE MAMMALS



MANATEE

Walruses are mammals. Meet some more mammals that live in the sea.



COMMERSON'S DOLPHIN



SEA OTTER



LEOPARD SEAL



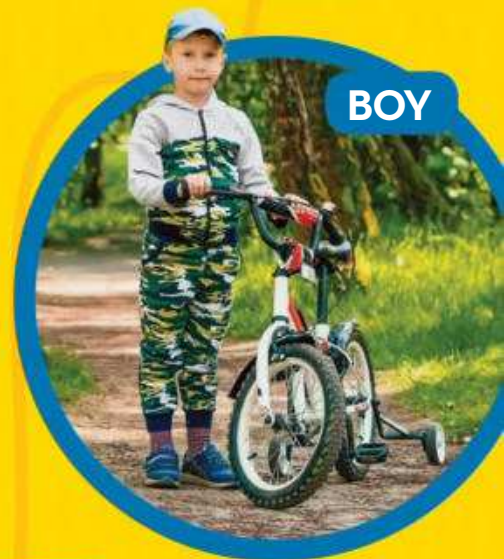
## IDENTIFYING

# WHERE ARE THE

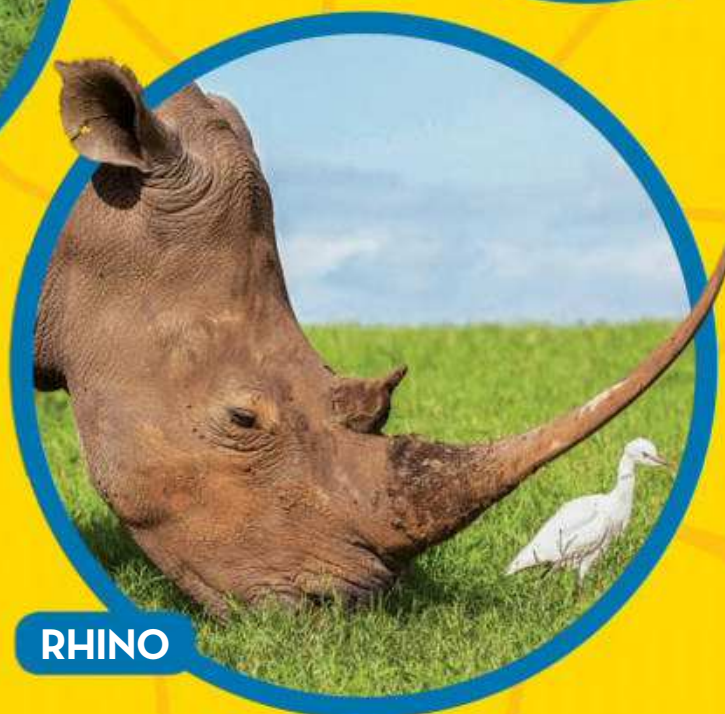
Look at all the pictures. Point to all the animals that are on top of something. Then count all the animals that are next to something.



GORILLAS



BOY



RHINO

What  
are you on  
top of right  
now?



# ANIMALS?

SQUIRREL



BIRD

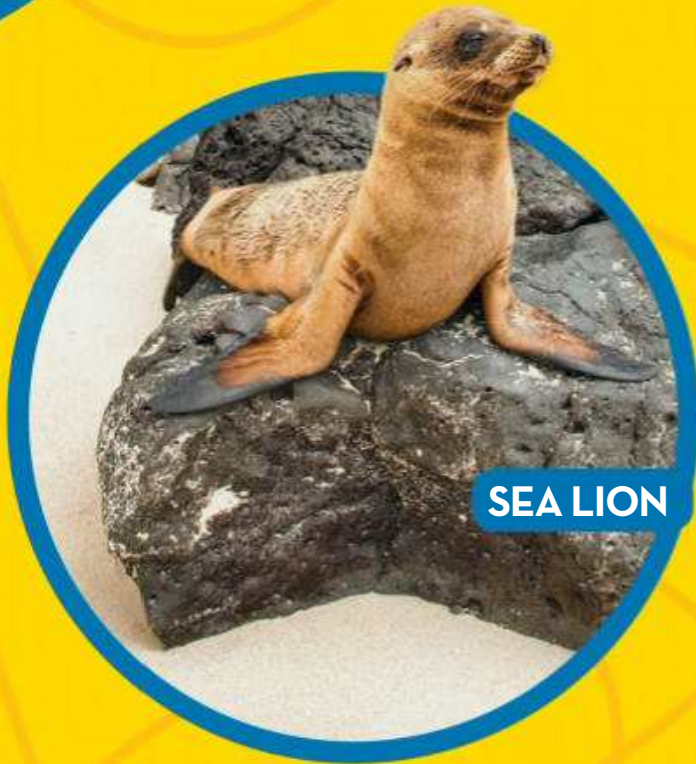


What  
is next to  
you right  
now?

LADYBUG



SEA LION



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# AN ALLIGATOR

1

A mother alligator builds a nest with plants and leaves. She lays her eggs and guards them while the babies grow inside.



EGGS

2

It is time to hatch! A baby alligator uses its sharp nose to break out of its shell.



EGGSHELL



# HATCHES

3

After the baby hatches, it climbs onto Mom. She keeps it safe from hungry animals.



BABY





# Goliath Stick



The Goliath stick insect is shaped like a stick—long and skinny. This big insect lives high up in the treetops.

## FACTS

### FOOD

leaves

### SIZE

This shows how big this insect is.



FIVE-YEAR-OLD'S HAND



# Insect

Female  
Goliath stick  
insects are bigger  
than males. The  
males can fly  
but the females  
cannot.



MALE

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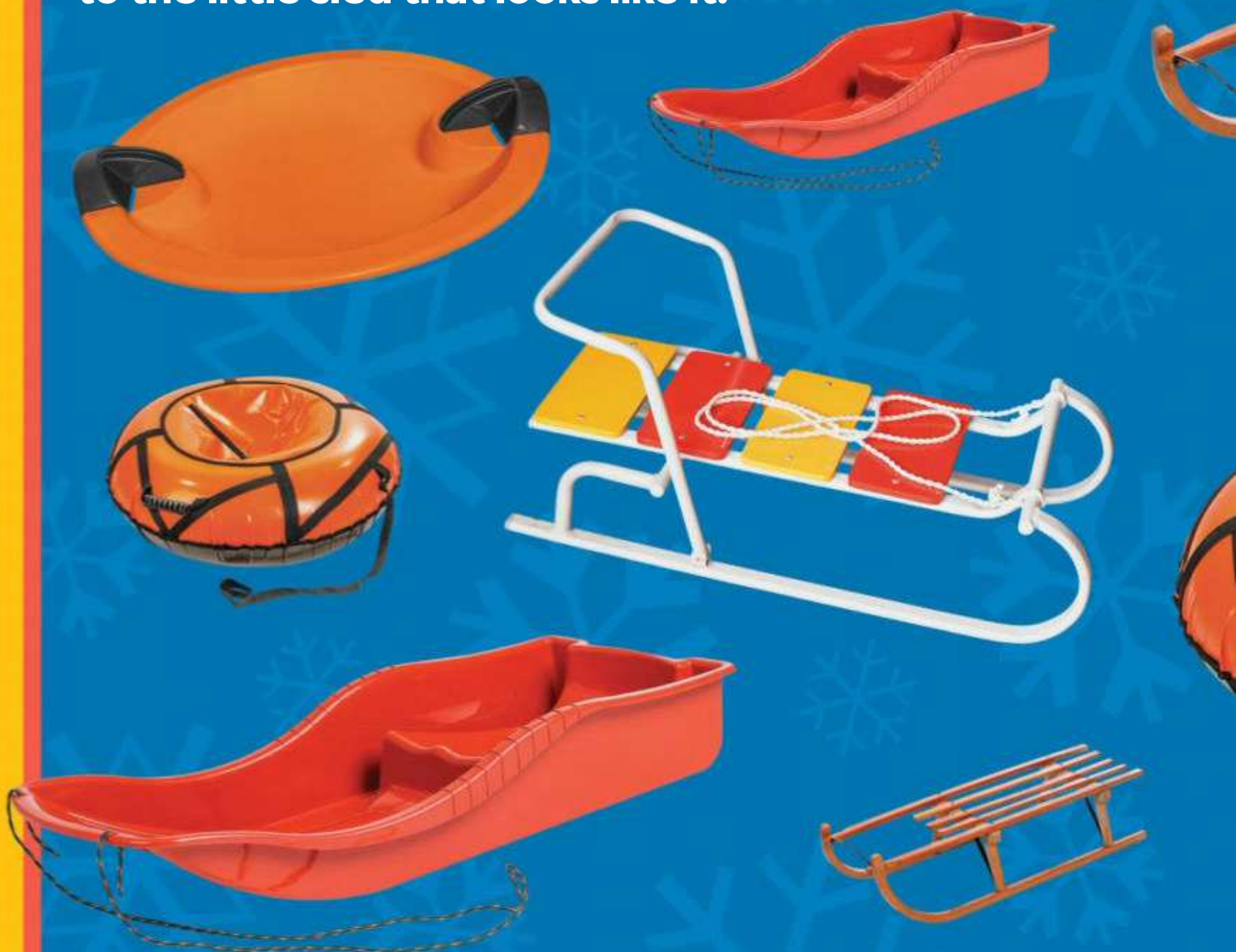
A stick  
insect's shape  
and color help it  
hide from animals  
that might want  
to eat it.



## MATCHING

# MATCH THE

It is fun to go sledding in the snow. Draw a line with your finger from each big sled to the little sled that looks like it.



Which sled do you think goes the fastest? Why?



# SLEDS!



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COMMON HAMSTER



# common hamster

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## **FUN FACTS**

**Hamsters live in the wild in Europe and Asia. The common hamster is one of several kinds of hamsters. It is often kept as a pet.**

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# WILD CARDS



**ALPINE IBEX**

# alpine ibex

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## **FUN FACTS**

**Ibex live high in the mountains.**

**A baby ibex can follow its mother and climb on rocky cliffs when it is only one day old.**

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# WILD CARDS



LION

# lion

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## **FUN FACTS**

**The hair around a male lion's face and neck is called a mane. It begins to grow when he is about three and a half years old.**

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# WILD CARDS



**KENYAN ROCK AGAMA LIZARD**

# Kenyan rock agama lizard

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## **FUN FACTS**

**This lizard waits patiently for its food. It hides in the shade. When an insect passes by, the lizard uses its sticky tongue to catch it.**

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# WILD CARDS



**MASKED TROGON**

# masked trogon

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## **FUN FACTS**

**The male masked trogon is more colorful than the female. These birds catch insects as they fly. Trogons also eat fruit.**

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# WILD CARDS



**DUGONG**

# dugong

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## **FUN FACTS**

**Dugongs live in shallow water in the ocean. They breathe air at the surface. Dugongs graze on sea grass.**

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