

**OBSERVATION**

# Hide-and-Seek

Can you find the snake in this picture?



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ANIMAL CARDS!



## Baby Zebras



# Why?

Why do you think cats have whiskers?

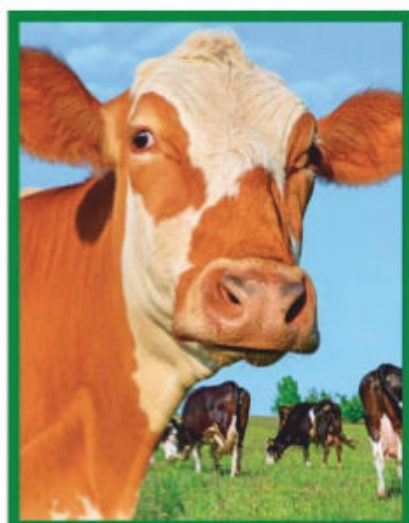
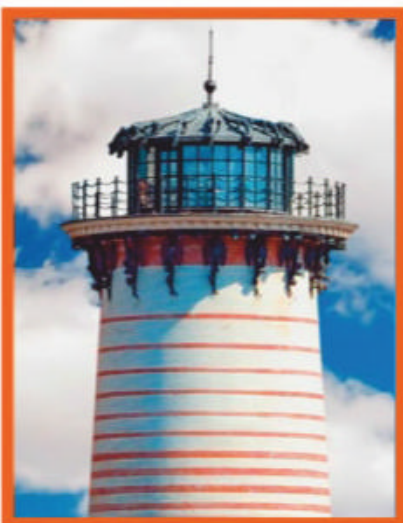
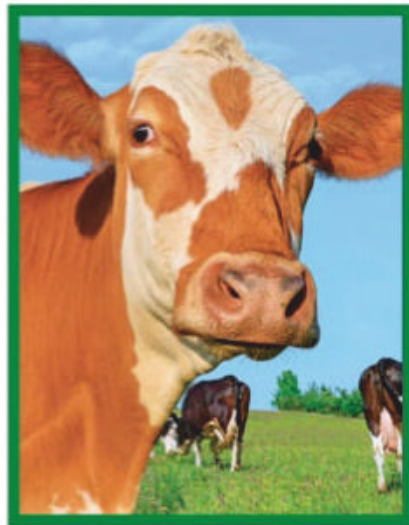


Cats use whiskers to help them feel things. Whiskers tell a cat if it is about to bump into something.

## 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 lionfish.

The lionfish lives in warm parts of the ocean.



Its fins have sharp spines that can sting.

This fish fans out its side fins to trap other fish to eat.



# NAMING

## What in the World Are These?



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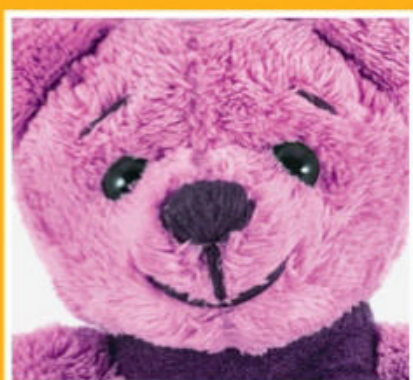
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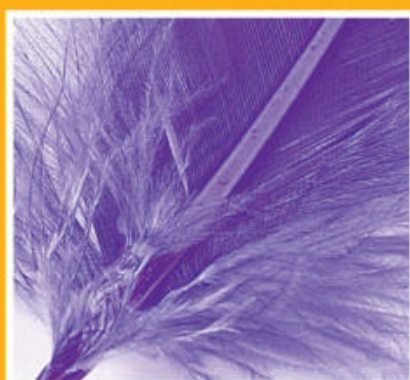
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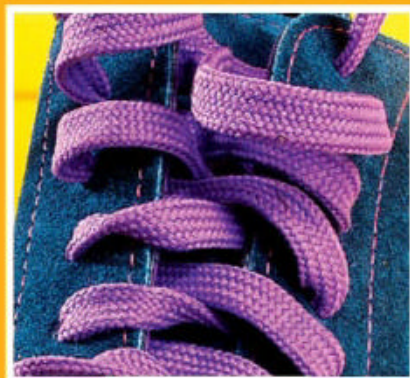
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\_HOELACE

NAME SOME OTHER **PURPLE** THINGS.



ANIMALS

HAPPY  
BIRTHDAY,

Z





# EBRA!

The first day of a baby zebra's life is busy.

Every zebra's stripes are different.

A newborn zebra has brown stripes. The stripes turn black as the zebra grows up.



As soon as it's born, the baby tries to stand. It wobbles and falls many times. After about 15 minutes, the baby can stand up!



Next, the little zebra takes its first steps. It learns to run within an hour.



The stiff fur sticking up from a zebra's head and neck is called a mane.



**Zebras  
sniff or rub  
noses when  
they say  
hello.**



**Mom  
stays by her  
baby's side  
to keep it  
safe.**



Over the next year, the baby  
learns to find grass to eat and  
water to drink. Then it will  
almost be an adult.

Happy first birthday, zebra!



# HOP, SWIM,

Tap all the animals that hop. Point to all the animals that fly. Draw a circle with your finger around each animal that swims.



BUTTERFLY



RABBIT



FISH

How many insects  
do you see?

# OR FLY?

SEA TURTLE



BIRD



BEE



KANGAROO



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## MIGHTY

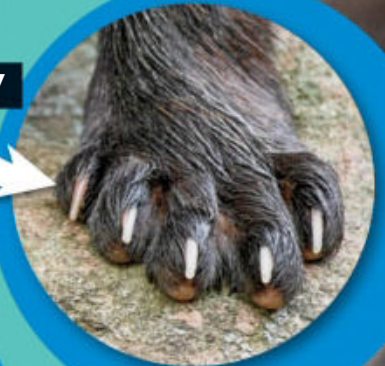
# WOLVERINES

Wolverines live where it is cold all the time. Their strong legs and big paws help them run, walk, and dig through the snow.


Sharp claws help a wolverine climb trees, rock walls, and icy hills.



CLAW







A wolverine  
travels many  
miles a day  
searching for  
food.

**NOW  
SHOWING!**  
**WOLVERINE  
VIDEO**

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A wolverine sniffs out food buried deep in the snow, then digs it up.



Wolverines usually hunt and live alone.

It often eats leftovers hidden by other animals.



A wolverine will fight a wolf or take food from a bear.



# WOLVERINE COUSINS

Wolverines are part of the weasel family. Meet some more weasel cousins.

FISHER



STRIPED POLECAT



BADGER



SEA OTTER



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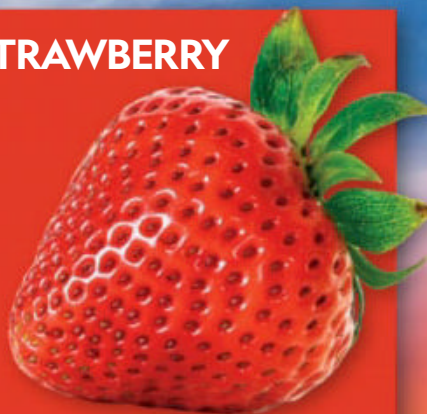
# FRUIT RAIN

Point to each stripe in the rainbow. Say the color of each stripe aloud. Match the stripe to the fruit that is the same color.

**BLUEBERRIES**



**STRAWBERRY**



**ORANGE**





# BOW

RED

ORANGE

YELLOW

GREEN

BLUE

PURPLE

GRAPES



APPLE



LEMON



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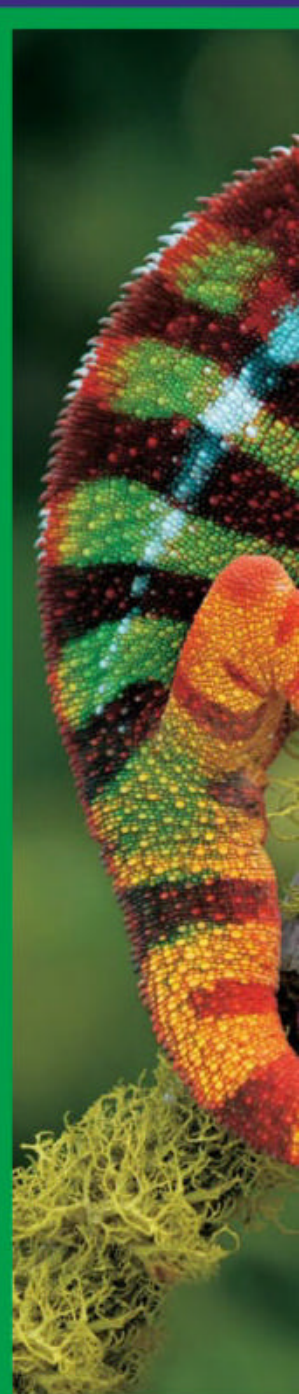
# A Chameleon

**1**

This male chameleon is green with red stripes. He is calm as he stands on a branch.

**2**

Something upsets him! Another male chameleon is too close. The upset chameleon begins to change color.





# Changes Color

3

Males guard the area where they live. The chameleon's new bright colors warn the other male to go away.





# HORNED HEAD DINOSAUR

## FACTS

FOOD  
plants

SIZE



FIVE-YEAR-OLD

*Pentaceratops* had five horns on its head. Two stood over its eyes. Two stuck out from its cheeks. The fifth horn was on its nose.

A frill stretched across the back of the dinosaur's head. Short spikes grew all along the frill.

**SAY MY NAME: PEN-ta-SER-ah-tops**





SPIKE

FRILL

No dinosaurs lived in the water. But *Pentaceratops* might have been able to swim.

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# WHAT GOES TOGETHER?

Use your finger to draw a line from each picture to the item it belongs with.

DRUMSTICKS



KEY



BASEBALL



PAINTS



SHOES



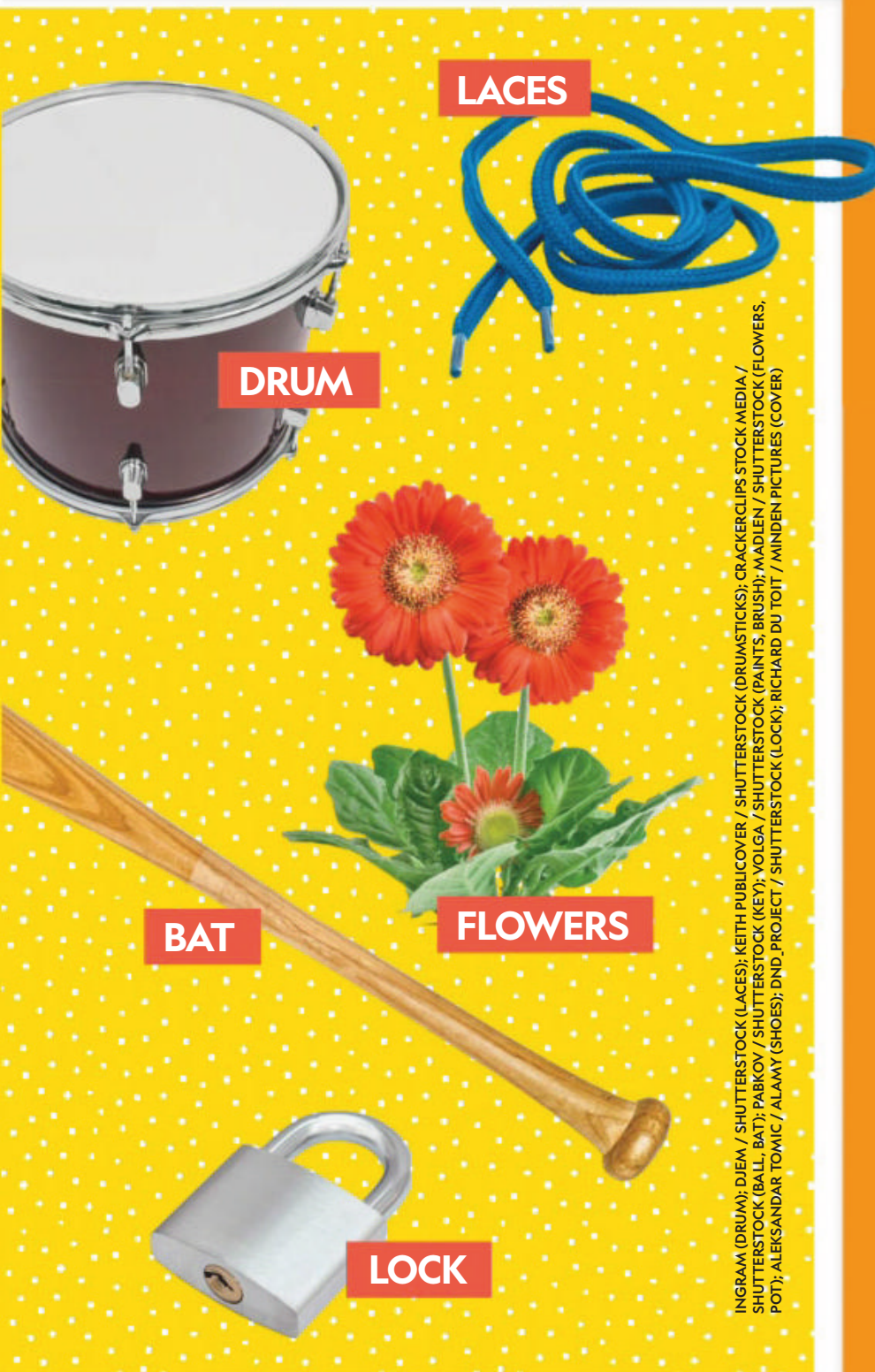
BRUSH



POT







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TIGER



# tiger

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## **FUN FACTS**

**Tigers are the only wild cats with stripes. No two tigers have exactly the same pattern of stripes.**

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# WILD CARDS



KOALAS



# koalas

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## **FUN FACTS**

**A koala spends almost all of its time up a tree. It eats leaves. Koalas sleep a lot—about 20 hours every day.**

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HOTSHOTSWORLDWIDE / DREAMSTIME



# WILD CARDS



**GRAY CROWNED CRANES**

# gray crowned cranes

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## **FUN FACTS**

**These cranes dance. They bow, run, jump, and flap their wings. Dancing is a way they “talk” to each other.**

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CHIMPANZEE

# chimpanzee

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## **FUN FACTS**

**Chimpanzees are a kind of ape,  
like gorillas and orangutans.  
Chimps eat more than a hundred  
different kinds of food.**

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# WILD CARDS



**GIRAFFE**

# giraffe

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## **FUN FACTS**

**A giraffe has a long tongue.  
Its tongue could stretch almost  
all the way across three copies of  
this magazine lying side by side.**

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# WILD CARDS



**LIONFISH**

# lionfish

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## **FUN FACTS**

**A lionfish can sting other animals with the sharp points on its fins. This helps the fish protect itself from enemies.**

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