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Red Pandas

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Why?

Why do you think crabs have claws?



Male crabs show off their claws to find female crabs. Some crabs use their claws to catch food or to dig.

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 emerald tree boa.

The emerald tree boa lives in treetops in the rain forest.

This big green snake is longer than a bed.

It eats birds, lizards, squirrels, and monkeys.

NAMING

What in the World Are These?



_ORN



_OTATOES



_ADISHES



_UCUMBER



_ELL PEPPER



_REEN BEANS



_QUASH



_NION



_AULIFLOWER

CAN YOU NAME SOME OTHER VEGETABLES?



ANIMALS

**NOW
SHOWING!**

**RED
PANDA
VIDEO**

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SOMPRAW / SHUTTERSTOCK



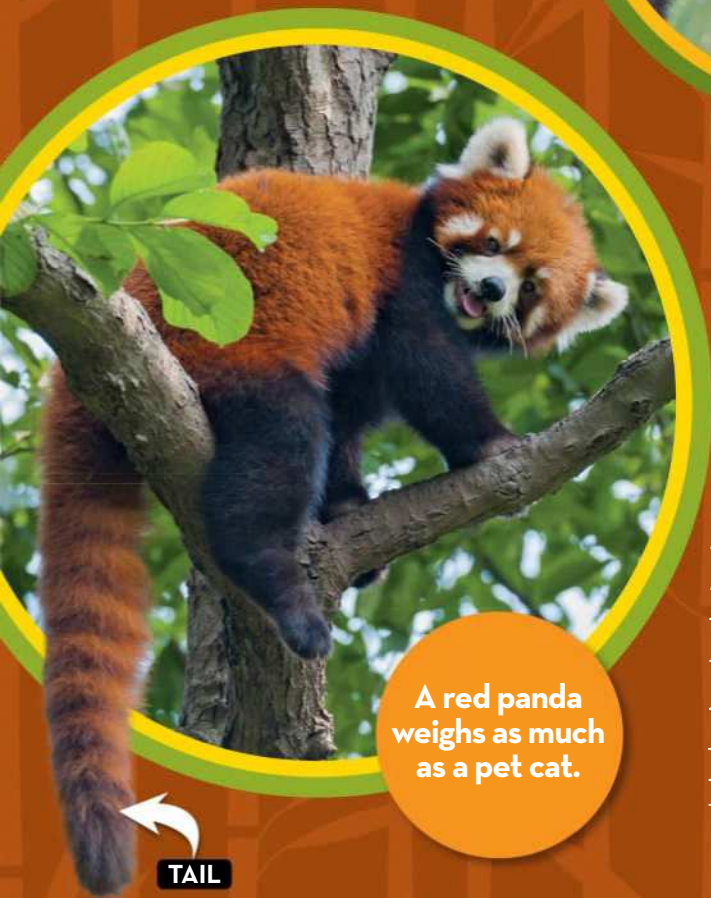
RED PANDAS IN TREES

Red pandas live in forests high in the mountains. They spend most of their life in trees.

Red pandas
usually live
alone.

Up, up, up. The
red panda runs
to the treetop.

The long claws
on a red panda's
feet help it grab
on to branches.

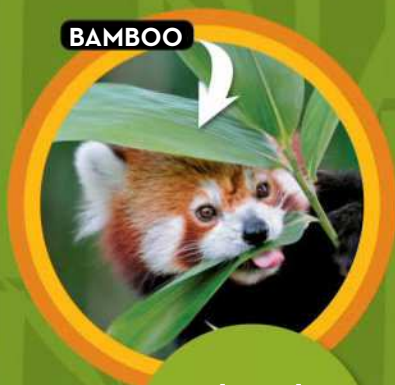


A red panda
weighs as much as
a pet cat.

Its long tail
helps the red
panda balance
in the trees.

A red panda eats lots and lots of bamboo leaves. It also sleeps a lot. It curls up on a nice cozy tree branch.

BAMBOO



Red pandas also eat fruit, insects, and bird eggs.

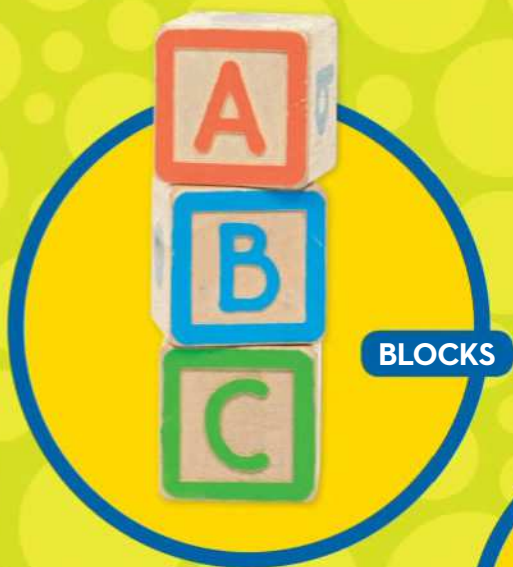


Then the red panda wraps its tail around its body like a blanket.

COUNTING

ONE, TWO,

Count the number of objects in each picture.
How many groups of three can you find?



Which pictures
have more than
three objects?

THREE



KEYS



CRAYONS

Which pictures
have less than
three objects?



FLOWERS



CUPS

ANIMALS

PINK FLAMINGOS

Flamingos are tall birds. They have pink feathers and pink legs.

A flamingo wades in shallow water to find food. It eats shrimp, insects, worms, and plants.

Flamingo chicks are born gray and white. They turn pink when they are about two years old.





These birds live
in huge groups
called colonies.

CHICK



The bird holds its beak under the water to eat. Sometimes a flamingo dunks its whole head underwater.

Flamingos
can swim
and fly.

BEAK

When a
flamingo sleeps,
it often stands on
one leg. It rests
its head on
its back.

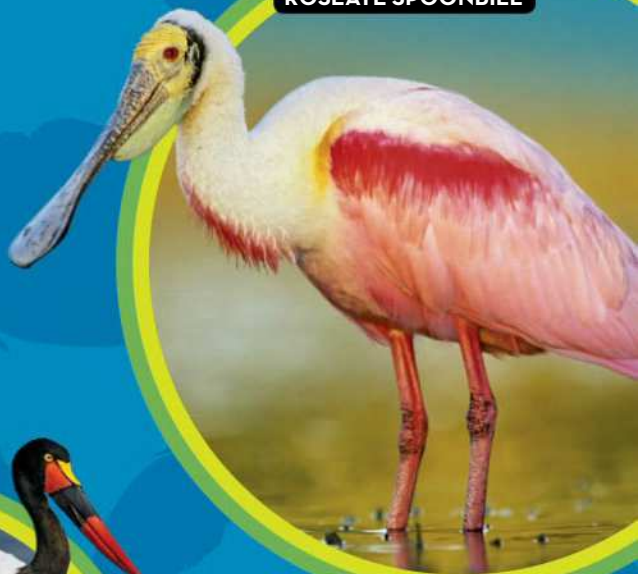
These birds get their color from shrimp. A flamingo's feathers turn brighter pink the more shrimp it eats.

OTHER WADING BIRDS

Meet some other birds that wade in shallow water to find food.



WHITE-FACED HERON



ROSEATE SPOONBILL



WHITE IBIS



SADDLE-BILLED STORK

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SORTING

FINS, FEATHERS

The drawings on the right show three different animal groups: fish, birds, and mammals. Use your finger to draw a line from each animal photo to the animal group it belongs in.



BLUE JAY



PENGUIN



LION

S, AND FUR



fish



bird



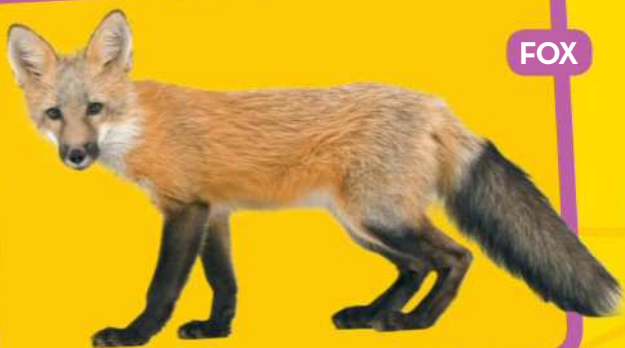
mammal



GARIBALDI



CARDINAL



FOX



SURGEONFISH

Hint: Fish have fins, birds have feathers, and mammals have fur.

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A MOOSE GROWS ANTLEERS



1 Moose live in forests. Every spring, a male moose grows new antlers.

2 All summer, the antlers grow bigger. Soft skin, called velvet, covers the antlers.



3

By fall, the antlers are nearly full grown. The velvet skin peels off.



4

Winter arrives. The moose shows off his huge antlers.

SOUTHERN HAWKER Dragonfly

Southern hawkers fly over water searching for small insects to eat. They spend a lot of time near ponds and streams.

Dragonflies are expert fliers. They can catch insects in midair with their legs.

Dragonflies can fly forward, backward, and sideways. They can even hover in one spot.



LEGS

A dragonfly
can eat hundreds
of mosquitoes
in one day.

FACTS

FOOD

Adults eat insects.

SIZE

This shows how big
this dragonfly is.

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FIVE-YEAR-OLD'S HAND

TIME

DAY OR NIGHT?

Find the things you might do or see in the daytime. Then find the things you might do or see at night.

SLEEPING



MOON



SUNGLASSES

SWIMSUIT



BIKING



PAJAMAS



NIGHT-LIGHT



What is your favorite thing to do in the daytime?



SLEEPING BAG



SUN



FLASHLIGHT



SCHOOL



SLIPPERS

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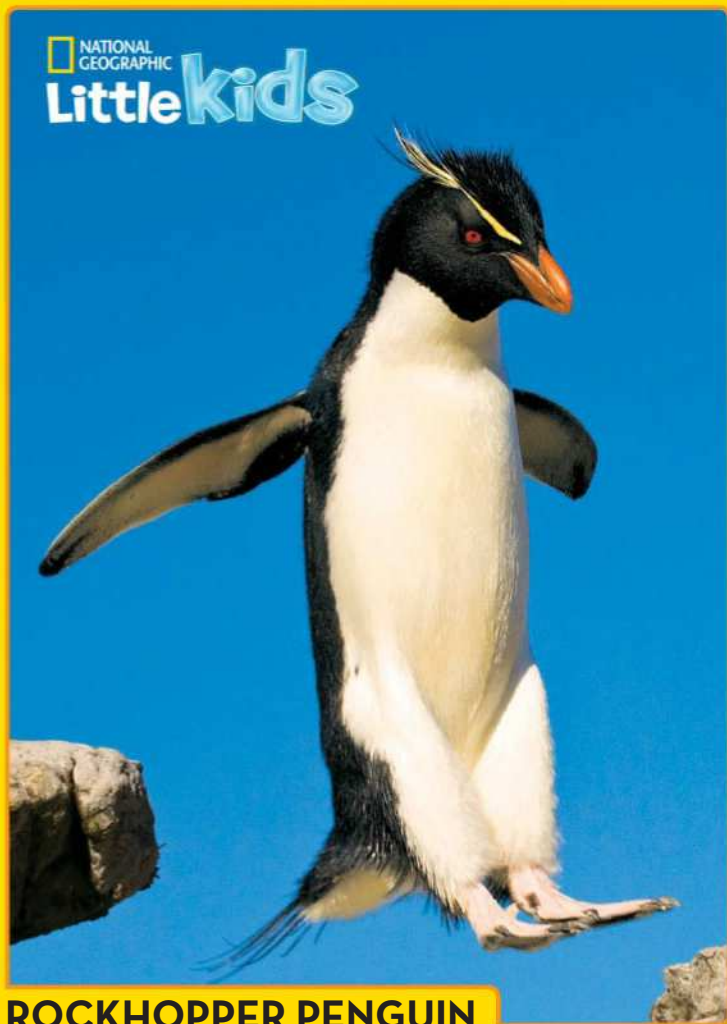
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rockhopper penguin

FUN FACTS

Like all penguins, rockhoppers spend most of their time at sea. When they do come ashore, they usually get around by hopping.



WILD CARDS



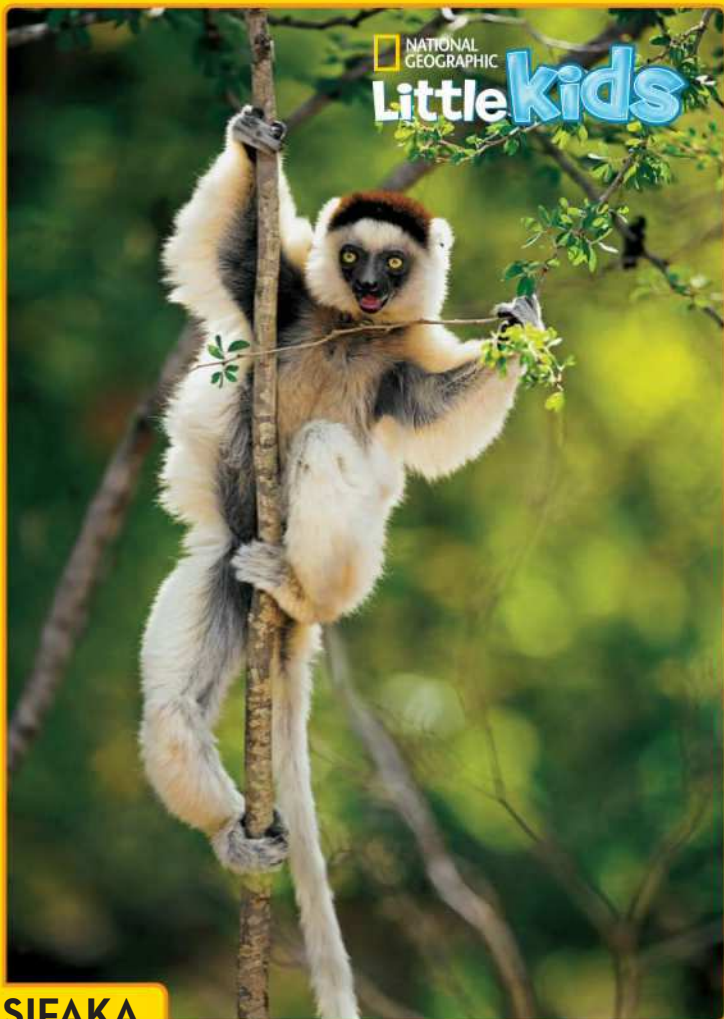
CAPYBARA

capybara

FUN FACTS

A capybara is a kind of rodent, a group of animals that includes mice and rats. The capybara is the largest rodent species.





SIFAKA

sifaka

FUN FACTS

**Sifakas live in trees.
They use their strong legs
to push off as they leap from
tree to tree.**



WILD CARDS



DAMSEFLY

damselfly

FUN FACTS

**Damselflies eat small insects.
A damselfly hunts while it
flies, catching food such as
mosquitoes in the air.**



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WILD CARDS



SAND CAT

sand cat

FUN FACTS

These wild cats live in sandy deserts. Sand cats have fur on the bottom of their feet. The fur protects their feet from hot sand.



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WILD CARDS



NUDIBRANCH

nudibranch

FUN FACTS

**This animal lives in the sea.
There are more than 3,000
species, or kinds, of nudibranchs.
Many are very colorful.**



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What do you think this cheetah is doing?



A. Dancing B. Stretching C. Playing hide-and-seek

Answer: B

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